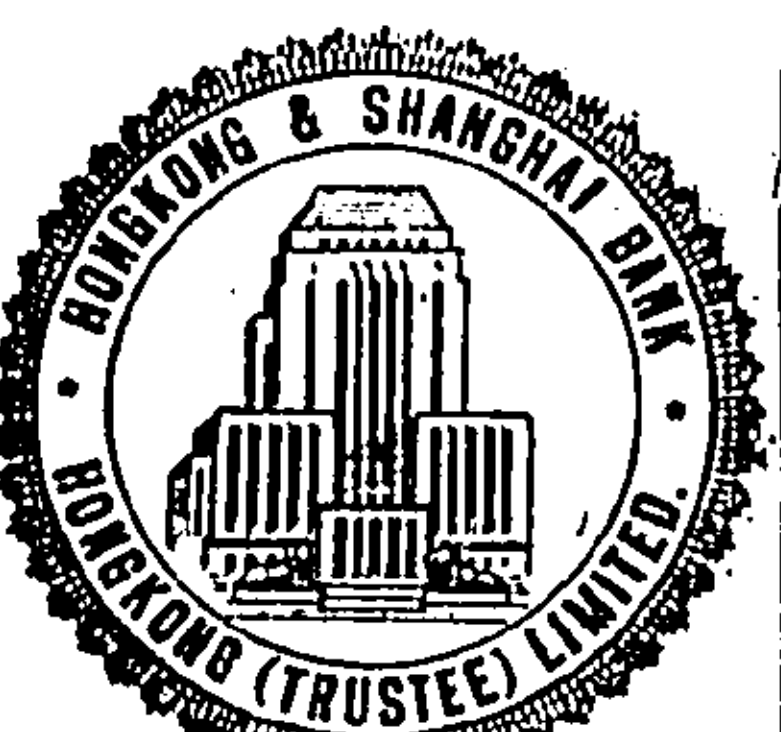
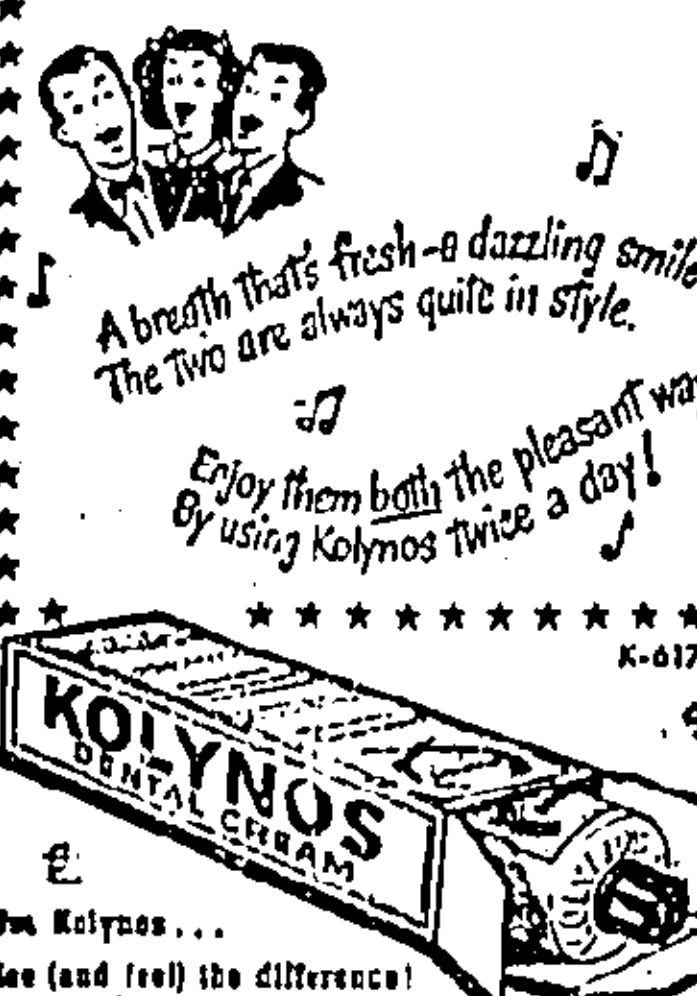


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JOY-RIDE PROVED COSTLY

A fine of \$500 on each charge was imposed on Yui Wai Hong, merchant, of 253 Queen's Road Central by Mr. J.G. Conklin at Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of driving a private car without the consent of the owner and failing to report an accident to the Police.

Defendant pleaded "Guilty" on the first charge but "not guilty" on the second.

Insp. G. N. Senior said that defendant was involved in an accident in Tung Lo Wan Road in which two Chinese females were injured. Insp. Senior said that he told defendant to report to the police station. After twelve hours defendant had not reported.

Damaged amounted to over \$2,000.

The owner of the car, Miss Lam Pk-wan, said she did not know defendant. The car had been left in the garage and lent to defendant without her permission.

Defendant said he intended to report to the police next day.

Mr. J. G. Conklin recommended that Yui's licence be suspended for twelve months.

BANDITS GRABBED ALMOST \$3,000

A sum of HK\$2,891.50 in cash was stolen from Yam Ping-lam, a Chinese male, as he reached the 1st floor stairway of 288 Ki Lung Street, Shamshuipo, at about 7.45 p.m. yesterday.

Yam was accosted by two un-armed men, who succeeded in making good their escape after relieving him of the sum mentioned.

'Typical Water Rat' Was Caught In A Trap

"A typical water rat," who was "very well known to the Police" and who had three previous convictions, including one for giving false information to the Police, was sentenced to a year's hard labour by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

He was also recommended for banishment, with the alternative of two years' police supervision should his claim to Hong Kong birth be substantiated.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m. and 6.00 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 9.32 kilocycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 6.30 to 7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m. H.K.T.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.35 p.m.—Orchestra: Raymonds and Deanna Durbin (Vocal).

1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Orchestra: Interlude.

1.15 p.m.—Orchestra: "Gladly" by G. G. G. Taylor.

1.30 p.m.—Studio: Fred Carpio and His Orchestra.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Much Binding in the Marsh".

6.30 p.m.—Light Orchestra with Frank Forest (Vocal).

7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.

7.15 p.m.—Studio: "Unit Requests" Bill Vicary Gilling, 25th Field.

8.15 p.m.—Studio: "See Too" Soccer Club.

8.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Melodies from British Films".

8.50 p.m.—London Relay: News.

9.30 p.m.—Weather Report.

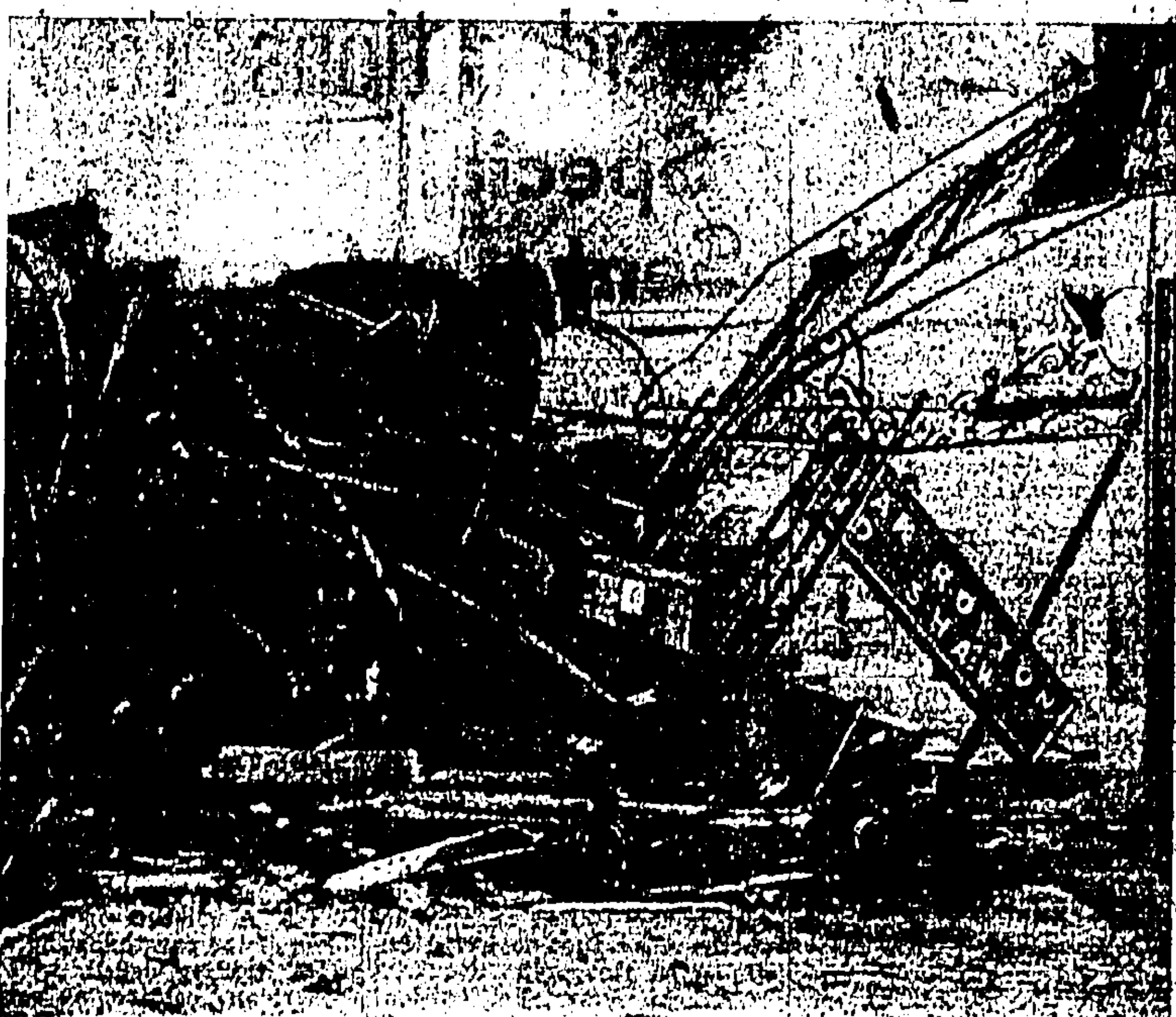
9.45 p.m.—Songs by Beniamino Glori (Tenor).

9.55 p.m.—Studio: Piano and Violin Recital by Norman Lancaster (Piano) & William Geller (Violin) by Courtesy of the C. G. C. British Pacific Field.

9.55 p.m.—Transcription made by the Armed Forces Radio Service of the Fleet between Joe Louis and Jersey Joe Walcott, including their own comments in the Ring at the end of the fight.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

It Reached Its Journey's End



CLARA Men Protest

Tientsin, Dec. 19. Arrangements have been completed for the CLARA group to leave for Huisaiyu tomorrow. Probably, they will go under protest, unless they hear that Harland Cleveland had obtained the release of their goods confiscated in Shanghai.

Complete Communist victory within two years at the outside was predicted by the CLARA officials in a brief interview with Associated Press.

They said the Reds could take Peiping and Tientsin any time suited to their purpose but had not done so simply because they did not want to waste men more usefully employed elsewhere. — Reuter.

Train In Booking Hall

The engine of a 20-wagon 100,000 gallon Petrol train crashed into the platform buffers at Victoria Station, Manchester, England, early on Dec. 10.

It tore on to the platform and, into the main booking hall leaving a mass of wrecked station structure behind it. Two platforms had to be closed. — AP Photo.

HE WANTED MORE THAN A HAIR OF THE DOG THAT BIT HIM

Li Wan (23), unemployed, apparently needed more than a hair of the dog that bit him. According to what Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth told Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, he took the whole animal.

He was seen by Police Constable 1660 at 7 p.m. on Dec. 18 at Peiho Street, near Yu Chau Street, leading a female dog by rope tied around her neck.

Questioned by the suspicious constable, Li admitted that he caught the animal at Yu Chau Street. He claimed that he was bitten by her a couple of days ago.

Defendant, said Si Howarth, was sent to Kowloon Hospital for treatment as it was suspected that the dog was suffering from rabies.

Li was cautioned by Mr. Blair-Kerr who, on the application of Si Howarth, ordered the dog to be destroyed.

Another unlucky dog-owner was Fung Chu-chau of 127 Battery Street, ground floor. He owned a brown female dog (Chow) on Dec. 1, for which he did not get a licence.

Consequently he was summoned and fined \$20 by Mr. Blair-Kerr on Thursday.

Yesterday he again appeared before the same Magistrate to answer another summons in respect of the same offence.

"I was fined \$20 yesterday for not having a licence for the same dog. I have now no more dog as it was stolen from me some time ago. Your Worship," he declared.

The Magistrate discharged Fung with a caution.

"Always Ask" — "Always ask who is the owner of the dog and ask to see the licence before taking out a summons," Mr. Blair-Kerr advised.

BERNARD SPILSBURY FOUND DEAD

London, Dec. 19.

Sir Bernard Spilsbury, 70, noted criminal investigator, was found dead last night in his laboratory at University College.

A colleague said the room was filled with gas.

Sir Bernard had often experimented on himself to probe the secrets of murder mysteries.

He was Honorary Pathologist at the Home Office, lecturer in forensic medicine at University College Hospital, London School of Medicine for Women and St. Thomas' Hospital. He was also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine.

Educated at Magdalen College, Oxford, Sir Bernard was knighted in 1923. — Associated Press.

No. 4, Elgin Street, Had A Little Woman-Trouble

"You come to me with an enormous black eye—and you with a handful of hair and showing bruises on your left arm, eye, ear and finger—I've no doubt, there has been a lot of trouble about all of you," Mr. F. X. d'Almada told complainant Cheung Wun, and defendant Ng Siu yesterday at Central Magistracy.

Mr. d'Almada bound both over in the sum of \$100 for 12 months for disturbing the peace.

"And you're at the bottom of this all," Mr. d'Almada told Cheung.

Another defendant Chan Siu-ming, 21-year-old daughter of first defendant, who did not bear any sign of a "fist for all" at No. 4, Elgin Street, last Tuesday, was similarly bound over.

The 40-year-old widow complainant said that as she was standing at the door leading to the room at the house, Chan struck her three times with a club.

Her husband, whom she said was drinking, intervened, pulled in

and struck Cheung with a broom.

Ng Siu said that she went to pacify the two when she heard the noise.

Cheung pulled out a tuft of her hair and bruised her on her left arm (she showed the Court a big, bluish mark), her eye, ear and finger.

Chan said that Cheung, who admitted obstructing the passage, refused to move to allow her to go to the roof to wash her hair.

"She walked past and, in so doing, brushed complainant aside with her basin.

All three lived in the same house.

Defendants told the Court the complainant used to use remarks at them and added them whenever possible.

REVISED RATION SCHEDULE

The Rice Controller has announced that a definite schedule will be arranged for the rationing of rice, flour and sugar commencing from January 1948.

Irrespective of the number of days in a month, each month will be divided into three periods:— 1st — 10th; 11th — 20th; 21st — the end of the month.

Rice will be issued on the first half of each period, i.e., 1st to 5th, 11th to 15th, and 21st to 25th, and flour on the second half of the period, i.e., 6th to 10th, 16th to 20th, and 26th to the end of the month.

In time, a bonus issue of rice or flour will be declared to make up any loss by reason of the months having 31 days.

The sugar rationing period for Hong Kong and Kowloon will be fixed on the second period of each month, i.e., from 11th to 20th and for New Territories, on the 21st — 30th of each month (Feb. 29).

It is hoped that the public will find this arrangement more convenient.

Four Fires In Colony Yesterday

Four fires, three in Kowloon and one in Hong Kong, occurred yesterday, but none of them were of a serious nature.

The first fire took place at 3 Pitt Street, Kowloon, and broke out at about 11 a.m., resulting in a Chinese male, Lau Yau, receiving a number of burns while rescuing his wife and child.

Two fire engines were dispatched to the scene and the fire was soon brought under control.

At approximately the same time, a grass fire on the hillside in Waterloo Road, near the Y.M.C.A. was extinguished before any serious damage was done.

At 5.20 p.m. a chimney fire at 47 Queen's Road was brought under control.

Sparks from a stove resulted in a quantity of dry grass on the roof of 92 Fook wing Street catching fire at about 6.30 p.m. One fire engine had no difficulty in extinguishing the blaze.

DONATIONS

Donations to St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, Restoration Fund—L. A. French \$48, Anonymous \$60, Iris & C. Ellery \$10, Mr. & Mrs. H.K. Long \$20, Mrs. Elsie G. Matthews \$10.

The net proceeds of the Grand Fete, held on Nov. 8, amounted to \$5,203.50, making total contributions from all sources \$24,012.50. The target is \$150,000.

Owing to the poor response to the appeal, much-needed restoration work must be held up.

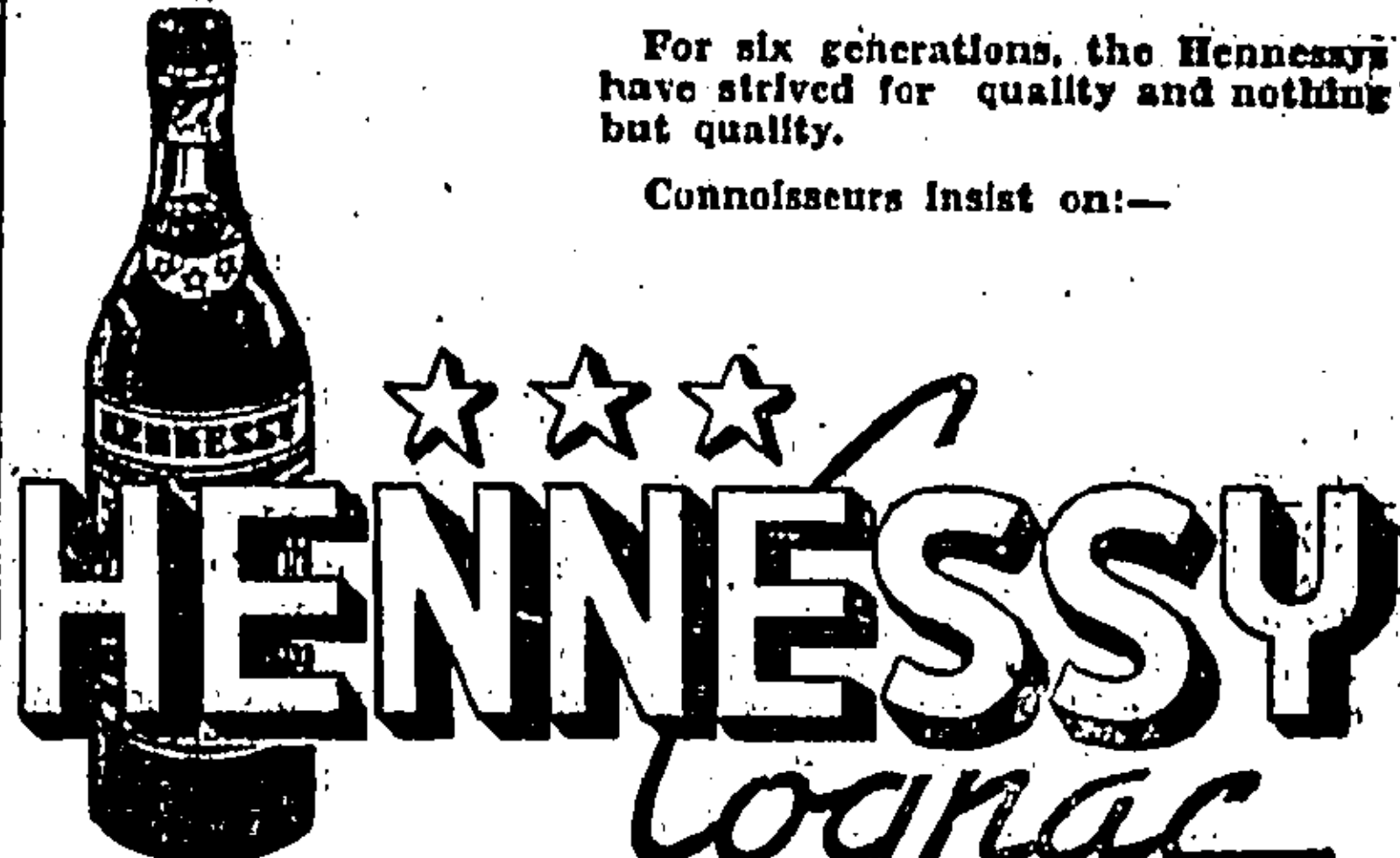


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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Hotel Hong Kong Hotel, Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, the 31st day of December, 1947 for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following Resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

"That the authorised capital of the Company be increased from its present capital of \$1,500,000.00 divided into 150,000 shares of \$10.00 each to \$3,000,000.00 by the creation of 450,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$10.00 each and that such additional shares as aforesaid shall be issued at such time or times and upon such terms and conditions as the Company's Board of Directors in their absolute discretion shall think fit."

NOTICE is also given that if the above Resolution is duly passed it is the intention of the Directors not to transfer any Shares of the Company for a period of two weeks from the 5th day of January 1948 to the 28th day of January 1948 both dates inclusive. The Directors will offer to the persons appearing on the 14th January 1948 in the Register containing particulars of shareholders and of persons who in the opinion of the Company would be on that date entitled to be entered in the Register of members (when reconstructed) as Shareholders one hundred and fifty thousand shares of the Company of the nominal value of \$10.00 each created in accordance with the above Resolution all at a premium of \$10. per share and on the footing that the full nominal value of each share taken up plus the premium (making together \$20. per share) shall be paid in full on acceptance of the offer and in any case not later than the 30th April 1948 and so that each such person as aforesaid or his approved nominee shall be entitled to apply for and take up one new share for every one issued share which according to such register as aforesaid is held by each such person on the 14th January 1948. The shares so offered shall rank for dividend as from the 1st day of May 1948.

The Director will dispose of any share offered as aforesaid in the event of non acceptance by payment therefor by such persons as aforesaid or their approved nominees on or before the 30th day of April 1948 at such time or times and upon such terms and conditions as they may decide.

It is most important that any persons who have purchased shares in the Company but whose names do not appear in such register as aforesaid in respect thereof should, if they wish to take advantage of the offer, present their transfers for registration accompanied by the requisite share certificates on or before the 14th day of January 1948.

The offer will be made by Notice sent by Post to each such person as aforesaid specifying the number of shares to which each such person is entitled and such offer, if not accepted either on behalf of such person or his nominee on or before the 30th day of April 1948, will be deemed to be declined.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON LIMITED. General Managers.

CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Nineteenth Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of China Underwriters, Limited, will be held at the Offices of the Company, 4A, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 30th day of December, 1947, at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1946 and of electing Directors and Auditors.

By order of the Board of Directors.

HERBERT R. STURT, Managing Director.

Hong Kong, 20th Dec. 1947.

NOTICE

WOODCRAFT WORKS LIMITED

Reconstruction of Register of Members.

Woodcraft Works, Limited (hereinafter called "the Company") has applied to the Registrar of Companies for leave to reconstruct its Register of Members, under Section 12 of the Companies (Reconstruction of Records) Ordinance, 1947.

The statutory declaration in support of the application and the exhibits thereto being lists of persons who it is believed are entitled to be registered as shareholders of the Company can be inspected, on payment of the prescribed fees, in the office of the Registrar of Companies, Courts of Justice, Hong Kong. A copy of the statutory declaration and the exhibits thereto may also be inspected at the Company's Registered Office during ordinary working hours.

All persons who claim to be entitled to be registered as shareholders of the Company must notify the Company of their FULL NAMES and ADDRESSES, their claim and the evidence upon which it is based, WITHIN THREE MONTHS from the 15th day of December, 1947.

Persons who hold Share Certificates and Transfer Deeds (if any) are requested to produce them at the Company's Registered Office if they have not already done so. Shareholders who have lost their scrip are requested to write to the Company giving all known particulars of their holding and the circumstances of the loss, when further information will be given as to any further evidence required.

All notices and communications should be addressed to the Company at its Registered Office, 7 Queen's Road, Central, Hong Kong.

LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS, Secretaries.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1947.

NOTICE

BUILDERS AND TRADERS LIMITED

Companies (Reconstruction of Records) Ordinance, 1947.

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Hongkong, 12th December, 1947.

TRUMAN ON MARSHALL PLAN

Six Basic Considerations To Keep In Mind

Police And Strikers Clash In Sicily

Rome, Dec. 19. Police welding clubs charged into a crowd of stone-throwing strikers attempting to invade Caltanissetta as Communist plans for a general strike collapsed. Twenty-four persons, including nine policemen, were injured. No one was injured in rioting in Palermo but Communist leaders unable to gain popular support, called off a two-day general strike in both Palermo and Catania.—United Press.

S'hai Papers Victimized

(Continued from Page 1)

In Nanking Government Information Director, Hollington Tong, today denied responsibility for the action of the Shanghai Newspaper Guild.

He said that the question of allocation was "completely out of his hands."

Tong said the Chinese Government had no hand in deciding individual newspapers.

He added that "any suggestion that this action was due to political pressure from Nanking was erroneous—this office was not even consulted by the newspaper guild."

The American Embassy asked the Shanghai Consulate to report the situation but the Embassy spokesman withheld comment until information was available.

3-Year Plan

Meanwhile, the Chinese Government today announced a three-year plan to make China self-sufficient in paper supply.

The plan is designed to increase domestic production and cut down import of paper to conserve foreign exchange.

The importation of certain kinds of paper will be banned or limited next year but the import quota for paper pulp will be increased to boost domestic production.—Reuter and United Press.

CHINESE COMMUNISTS PRESS ON MUKDEN

Nanking, Dec. 19.

Gen. Cheng Tung-kuo, Deputy Nationalist Commander of Manchuria, announced today that strong Communist forces were moving on Mukden and that a major battle was expected within 10 days north of Mukden and south-east of Faku, reports from Mukden said today.

The garrison authorities clamped a nightlong curfew on Mukden and threatened violators with the death penalty.

Gen. Cheng claimed an initial Nationalist victory in which one Communist division was routed, with 6,000 casualties.

He said Communists in southern Liaoning Province were proceeding northward towards Mukden and others were driving south from Sian and Hailu, but guaranteed the safety of the Nationalist Manchurian capital.

He admitted the Reds might be able to exhaust the Nationalists and destroy communications but they would not be able to achieve their main objectives of capturing the government's salient because of two factors: firstly, the Communist equipment was unsuitable for winter warfare; and secondly, the government was fully prepared for the Reds' seventh offensive.

Gen. Cheng said the frozen Liao River facilitated the Reds' southward drive but predicted the Communist offensive would collapse within one month.

Press reports said the Communist Sixth Division attacking a village east of Faku was routed, the government capturing a large quantity of arms and ammunition.

The Central Government meanwhile opened a counter-offensive, attacking Chengchow and Kai-feng.

Reinforced Nationalists striking out from Kai-feng drove the Communists toward the south and south-east.—United Press.

LA SALLE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION REUNION DINNER.

Subject to favourable response, the above will be held on the 23rd, December 1947 at 7.30 p.m. at the Cafe Wiseman. The occasion will also be in honour of the Rev. Brother Cassian who will be leaving the Colony for a long and well deserved holiday.

Please telephone 32348 or write to the undermentioned c/o La Salle Old Boys' Association, St. George's Building, Ice House St., Hongkong, for particulars to do with the occasion.

F. M. CASTRO, President.

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THE UNITED SERVICES RECREATION CLUB KOWLOON

The Grand Christmas Dance for members and their guests will be held at the Club House, Gascoigne Road, on Saturday, 20th December, 1947, from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m.

Special Message Sent To Congress

Washington, Dec. 19.

In a message to Congress, urging "recovery aid" for both the Far East and Europe, President Truman yesterday laid down six basic considerations to be kept in mind in developing the Marshall Reconstruction Plan.

Six basic considerations to keep in mind in developing the programme, he said, were:—

(1) The programme is designed to make a genuine recovery possible within a definite period of time and not merely to continue relief indefinitely.

(2) The programme is designed to insure that the funds and goods which we furnish will be used most effectively for European recovery.

(3) The programme is designed to minimize the financial cost to the United States but at the same time to avoid imposing on European countries crushing financial burdens which they could not carry in the long run.

(4) The programme is designed with due regard for conserving the physical resources of the United States and minimizing the impact on our economy of furnishing aid to Europe.

(5) The programme is designed to be consistent with other international relationships and responsibilities of the United States.

(6) The administration of the programme is designed to carry out wisely and efficiently this great enterprise of our foreign policy.

Basic Problem

Stressing the importance of "making Europe self-supporting," President Truman said that the basic problem was the "increase European production."

He continued: "Sixteen nations presented in their report a recovery programme designed to enable them and Western Germany to become economically self-supporting within a period of four years and there-

after maintain a reasonable minimum standard of living for their people without special help from others."

"The programme rests upon four basic points:

(1) Strong production effort by each of the participating countries.

(2) The creation of internal financial stability by each country.

(3) Maximum and continuous co-operation among the participating countries.

(4) A solution of the problem of the participating countries' trading deficit, with the American continent particularly, by increasing European exports."

Stipulations

President Truman laid down seven basic conditions under which aid would be given, including a stipulation to help the United States raw materials stockpile beyond domestic and commercial export needs of the 16 participants.

He told the Congress that each Marshall Plan nation had pledged itself to specific individual and cooperative action to accomplish recovery and listed the following conditions except where inapplicable:

(1) To promote and increase industrial and agricultural production to become independent of abnormal outside economic assistance.

(2) To stabilize its currency and establish or maintain confidence in its monetary system.

(3) To cooperate "to reduce barriers to trade among themselves... and to stimulate increasing interchange of goods and services."

(4) To make efficient use of all United States goods and services.

(5) To stimulate production of specified raw materials and to facilitate the procurement of raw materials by the United States for stockpiling purposes from an excess above reasonable domestic usage and commercial export requirements.

(6) To deposit in a special account local currency the equivalent of aid furnished in the form of grants to be used only in a manner mutually agreed between two governments.

(7) To publish domestically and to furnish the United States appropriate information concerning the use made of our aid and progress made under agreements with other participating countries and with the United States.

However, the President warned: "The United States will of course retain the right to determine whether aid to any country is to be continued if our previous assistance has not been used effectively."

Mr. Truman said the aid should be partly in gifts and partly in loans.

He said the criterion should be the capacity of each country to make repayment.

He said no gift should be made to a country able to pay cash for all imports or to repay loans.

"There may be later necessary special loans for monetary stabilization but it is not possible to make estimates on such at this time," he added.—United Press.

BANK ROBBERY

Madrid, Dec. 19. Armed men stole 180,000 pesetas from a bank in Barcelona today.—Reuter.

S'hai Open Market Rate Improves

Shanghai, Dec. 19. The open market foreign exchange rate was increased today to CN\$83,000 to one U.S. dollar and CN\$259,000 for one pound Sterling.

The black market rates showed no immediate reaction with the greenback quoted at CN\$143,000.—United Press.

INCOME TAX CUT PROPOSAL

Washington, Dec. 18.

Mr. Harold Knutson (Republican), Chairman of the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee, today introduced a measure to cut American income tax by \$5-600,000,000.

The proposal would cut tax revenues by \$1,600,000,000, more than Mr. Knutson's previous project, which President Truman twice killed.—Reuter.

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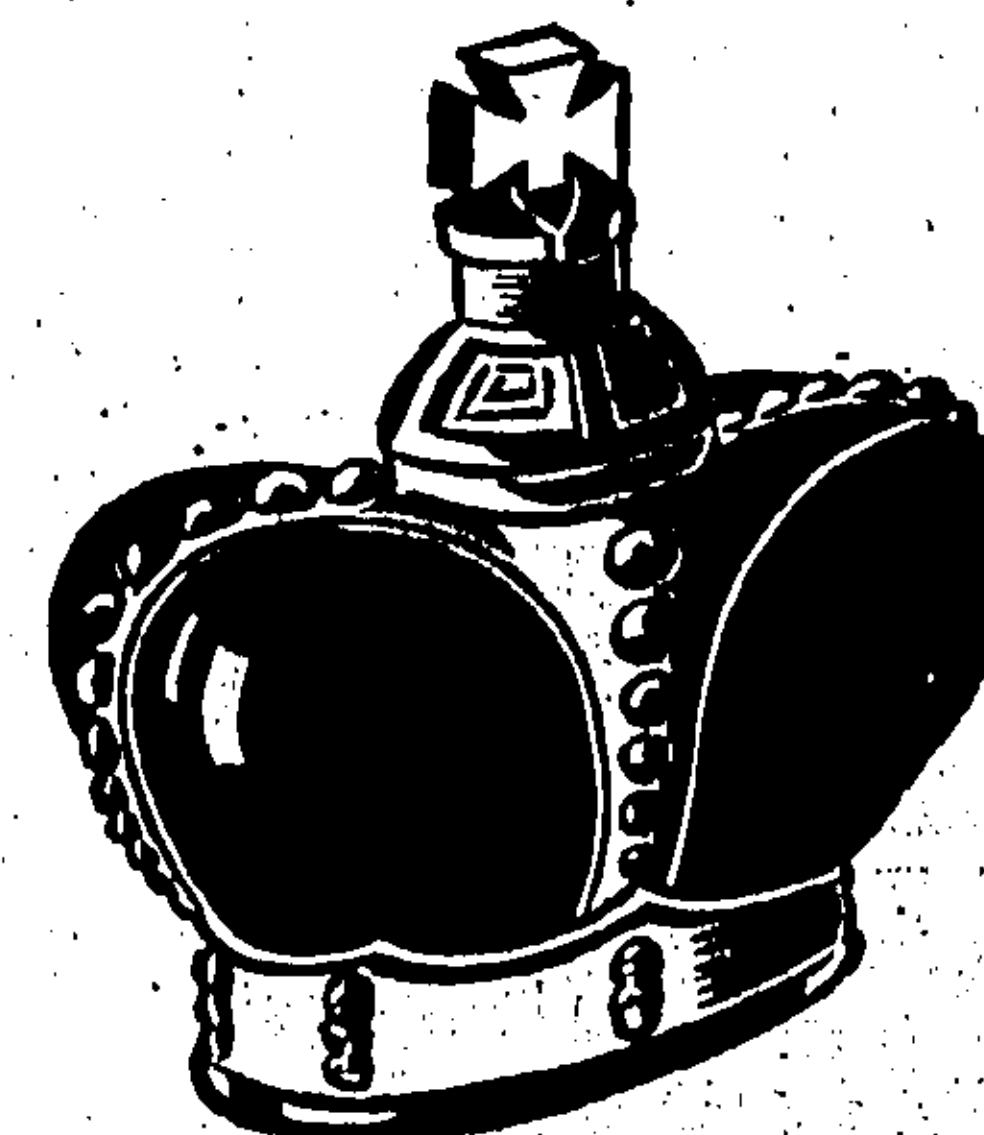
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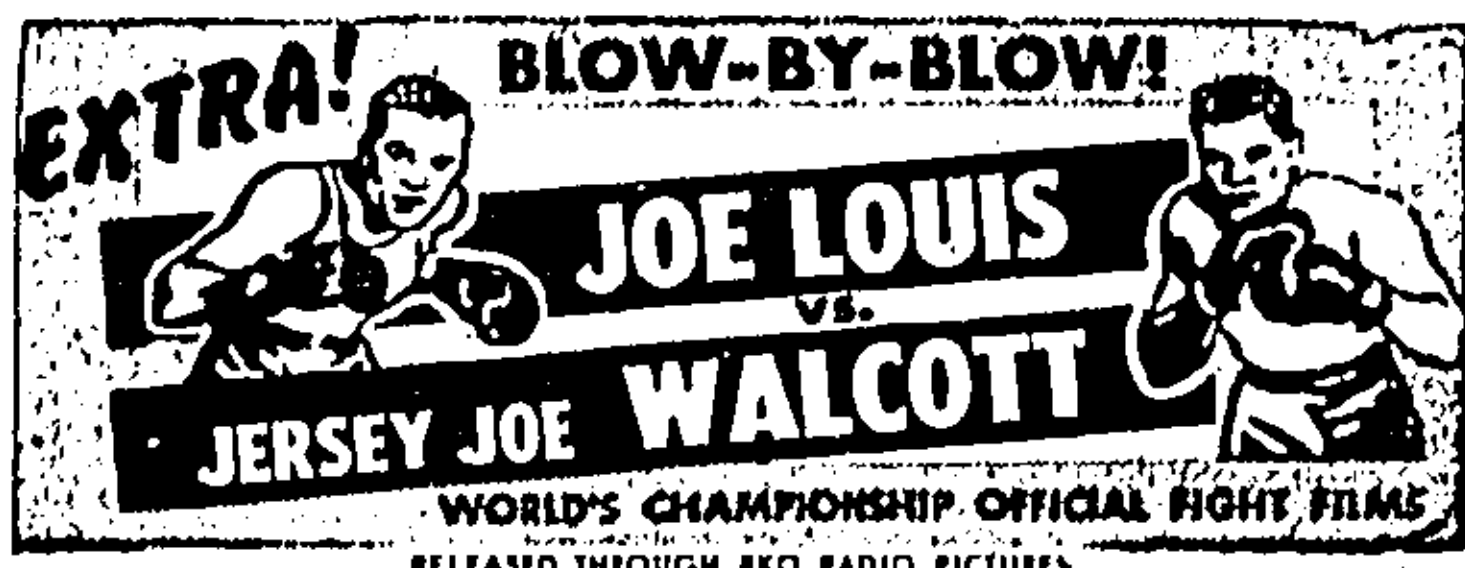


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TRADING DIFFICULTIES "Wonderful Economic Lingo" Of SCAP Britons Unhappy In Japan

Shanghai, Dec. 19.
An insight into trading difficulties in Japan today was given by Mr. G. E. Marden, the well-known British businessman, in an address at the Rotary Club meeting yesterday.

"In Japan, SCAP did a wonderful job—for a while. Then they found such an irritating thing as economic laws," said Mr. Marden, who has returned recently from a trip to Japan.

"The American Army runs Japan or tries to run it as it thinks it should be run," he remarked on overall conditions in post-war Japan.

In modern history, he said, there has never been a war in which civilian talents were absorbed and run by the military for such a long time.

There were two ways to negotiate things with SCAP in Japan, Mr. Marden said. One may start at the bottom and go all the way to the top, which takes three months. The other way is to go to the top right away, and it takes six months.

Wonderful Lingo

Everyone, excepting General MacArthur himself, will see his subordinates immediately. "We met a General who shot down and scared off more planes than most people during the war," he further remarked, "and naturally he is handing the economic section of SCAP."

Economic advisers holding doctorate degrees are sometimes consulted, but seldom listened to. The officers of SCAP have a "wonderful economic lingo" which sounds "quite good to new arrivals in Japan," he said.

Not Happy

Their argument, he said, is that "we've selected the best brains to rule Japan." The speaker added: "The tragedy of it is that they really believe it. They do get the best advice, but the soldiers think that they are capable of selecting from the advice."

"SCAP directives are strict in many ways and the British there are trying their best not to step outside these rules, but

FAR EAST FLOODED BY BRITISH GOLD

New York, Dec. 19.
Gold bullion brokers allege that the Far East is flooded with British 22-carat gold, which is still said to be available at a discount under New York's equivalent of fine gold selling level.

It is claimed here that this 22-carat gold is exportable from Britain with a licence provided that payment is made in dollars. Large shipments of such British gold were recently reported to the United States for re-shipment to other countries.

However, the United States gold operating for the Far East today claimed that the present New York fine gold price is too high. Trading in New York meanwhile is stalemated with the trade awaiting the United States Treasury ruling on whether they will be permitted to sell foreign fine gold through foreign branches or affiliates.

Bullion brokers point out that Mr. Snyder is alarmed over United States gold imports to a point where he recently suggested that imports be sterilised—yet Mr. Snyder's underlings are persistently trying to prevent gold moving out of the United States.

The Treasury's decision on foreign branches or affiliates is expected within 48 hours. If the Treasury approves, bullion brokers will commence actual sales of gold against ore which arrived on or after last Nov. 24.

SOVIET EXPELS FRENCH

Paris, Dec. 18.
Two French women and a Frenchman expelled from the Soviet Union, arrived in Paris today.

They were the director of a French centre in the Ukraine, a Leningrad teacher and a university mission librarian from the Ukraine.

Usually well-informed circles in Paris regarded the expulsions as part of the programme of "reprisals" for the recent arrests and expulsions of Soviet citizens from France.—Reuter.

SHOCK FOR CHURCH BY HOUSE OF LORDS

London, Dec. 19.
Heads of the Church of England withheld comment today on the Government's implied approval of birth control but there appeared little likelihood that the decision would lead to a break in the long partnership of Church and State.

The five Law Lords of the House of Lords, highest court in the land, announced the Government decision on Wednesday, admonishing against "too strict reliance on the words" of the prayer book.

The Lords ruled that the use of contraceptives to prevent child-bearing does not constitute wilful refusal to consummate marriage and refused a Londoner's appeal for annulment of his marriage on the contention that his wife refused to permit sexual intercourse without the practice of birth control.

Numerous similar divorces suits are pending.

An informed source in Vatican City commented: "It would appear on the face of it that the decision is

APPEAL TO AMERICA

New York, Dec. 18.
Mr. Douglas Abbott, Canadian Finance Minister, today appealed to the United States to "accept the challenge with which history has confronted you."

"We see growing evidence of it in the Marshall Plan and we hope and pray that you will act promptly. On your response depends the welfare and freedom of the world—the very future of your civilisation," he said, when addressing the annual meeting of the Life Insurance Association of America.—Reuter.

TRUMAN WILLING TO MEET STALIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.
PRESIDENT TRUMAN DECLARED TODAY THAT WITH THE BREAKDOWN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING IN LONDON, HE WOULD BE GLAD TO MEET STALIN, BUT ONLY IN WASHINGTON.

President Truman said that he was "not at all disheartened" as the result of the London failure and expressed confidence that the world would eventually gain the peace it needed so much.

The President, who was addressing his weekly press conference, made it clear that he would not leave the United States to attend Big Two or Three meetings with Stalin and Aulter.

He added that he had received no personal messages from the Russian leader lately.

The President declined to comment further on the meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers. He referred reporters to the radio speech which the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, is to make here tomorrow night.—Reuter.

OIL REFINING IN BRITAIN

London, Dec. 18.
Britain is to spend £25,000,000 on vast schemes to increase her capacity for refining oil in the United Kingdom, Mr. Alfred Robens, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Fuel and Power, announced today.

He warned that the scheme might be held up because of the shortage of steel.—Reuter.

British Girl Who Lived With Negro

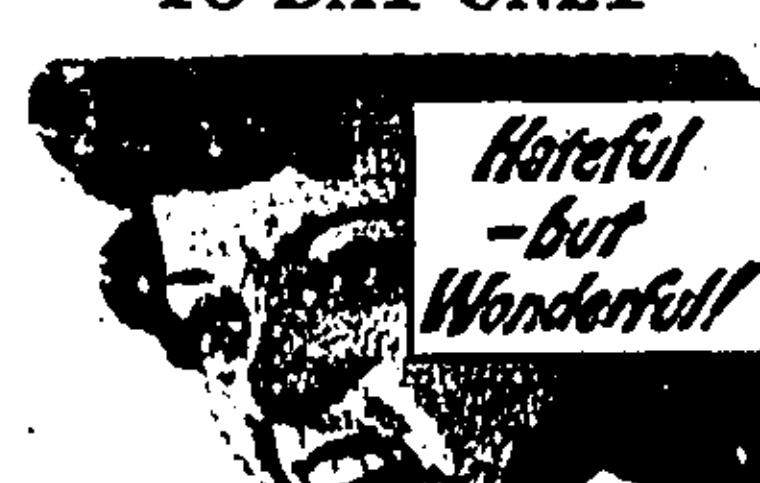
GOODLAND, VA., DEC. 18.
COUNTY OFFICIALS TODAY SAID A BRITISH WOMAN WAS BEING HELD "FOR HER OWN PROTECTION" IN THE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR WOMEN AFTER SHE HAD FOLLOWED A FORMER NEGRO SOLDIER TO THE UNITED STATES BUT WAS UNABLE TO MARRY HIM BECAUSE OF STATE LAW.

The County spokesman said that Margaret Goodley, 36-year-old shoe factory worker from Wellborough, England, was sentenced to six months in the industrial school for living with Thomas Henry Johnson, 29, last September. Johnson, a negro sawmill worker, got a 30-day suspended sentence.

The County officer said Miss Goodley was in the United States on a one-year visa without job or money and would be released as soon as the British authorities arranged for her transportation home.

Virginia State law forbids marriage between negroes and whites.—United Press.

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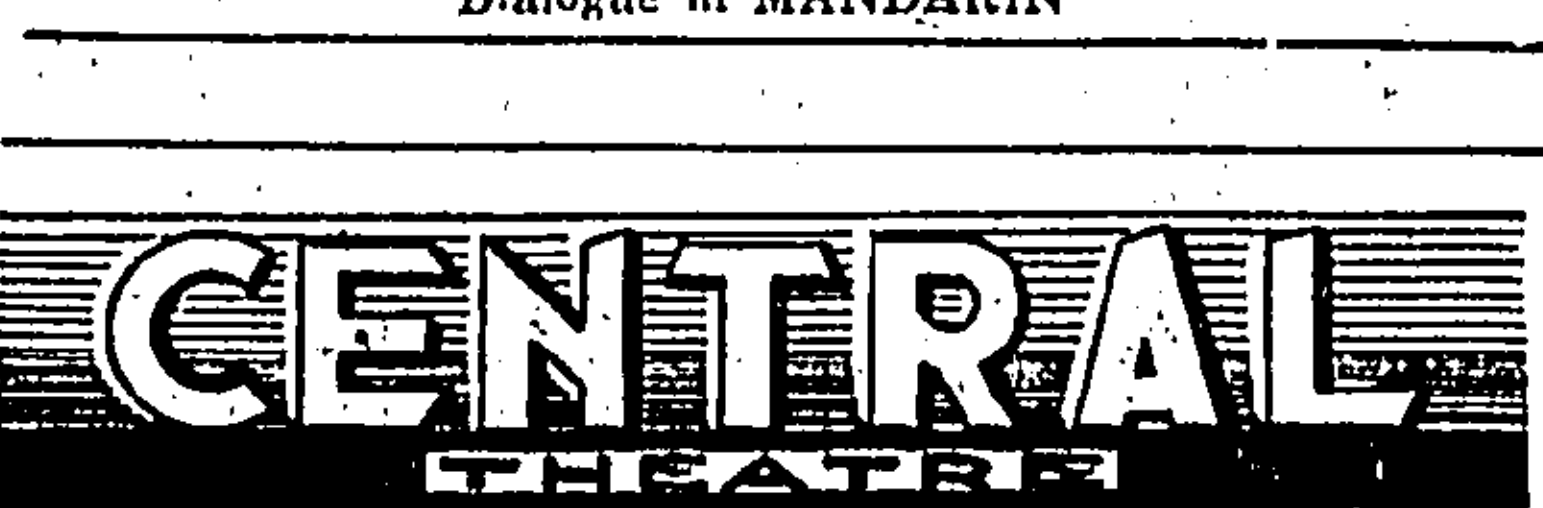
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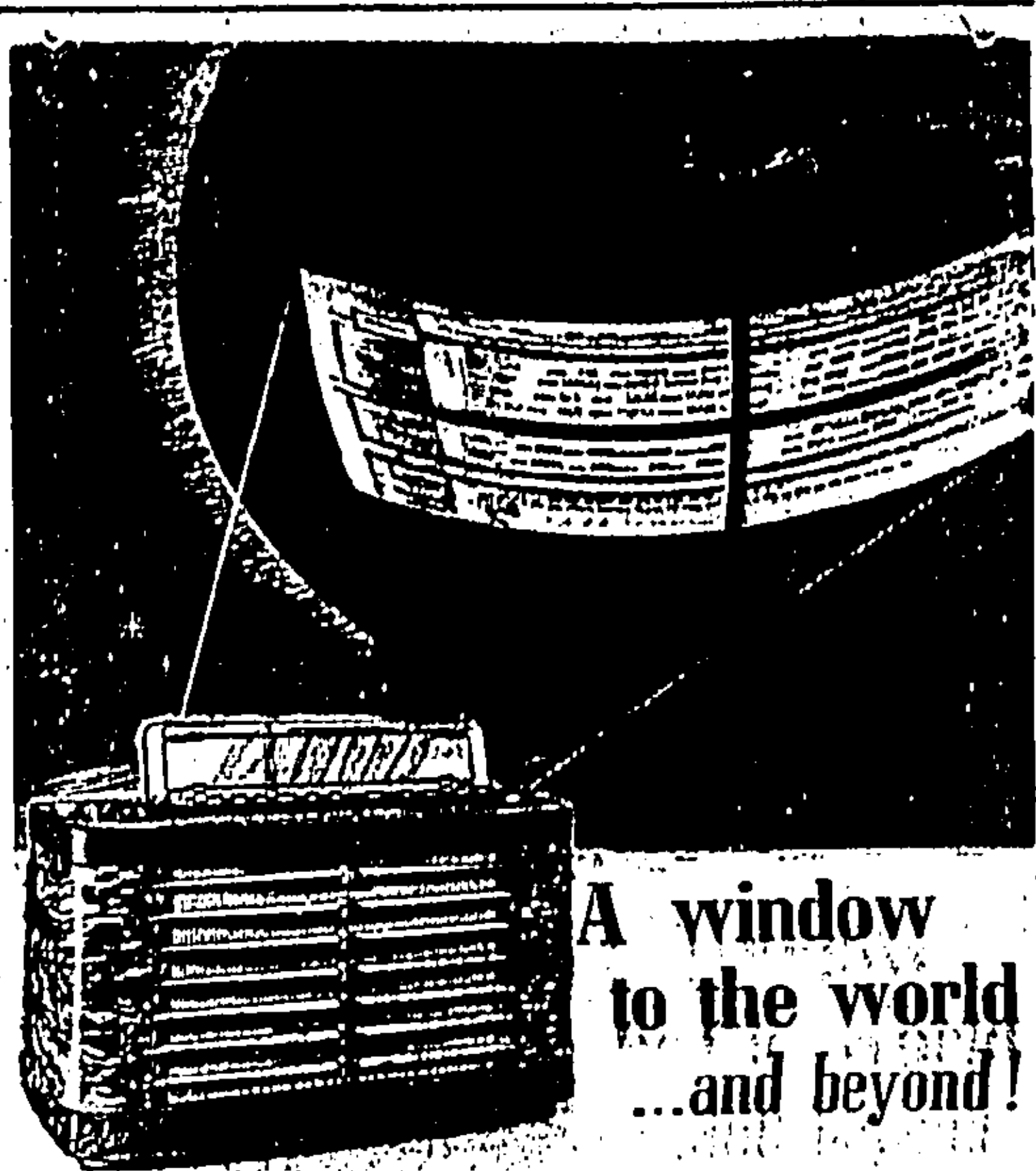
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VITAL FOOD FOR BRITAIN Full Agreement In Talks With Canada Eleventh-Hour Settlement

London, Dec. 18. Trade negotiations between Britain and Canada, which up to the eleventh hour threatened to meet deadlock, ended in complete agreement on all points, it was officially announced tonight. Under the agreement Britain will continue to receive vital food supplies "in order to maintain the progress now visible in her recovery."

The Canadians took the view that her need for supplies is so strong and compelling that "any interruption at this time would have very serious consequences."

News of the agreement followed the announcement today that Britain will get 80,000,000 bushels of wheat from the coming Australian harvest at a price lower than she pays to any of her big overseas suppliers, except Canada.

Raw Materials

The wheat agreement between Canada and Britain will continue under the new pact and contracts for livestock products at adjusted prices are to be renewed. Provision is also made for continued supplies of the raw materials needed for reconstruction, particularly timber and non-ferrous metals.

Up to the end of next March, a British deficit of about \$145,000,000 under the new agreement is expected.

The British Government have agreed in return to take all possible steps to encourage exporters to take advantage of improved opportunities in Canada provided by the recent Canadian import regulations.

Details

A Reuter despatch from Ottawa tonight said that Mr. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister, told the House of Commons today that details with announcements of prices and quantities involved would not be made known until the Commons discussed legislation embodying the contracts.

Details had still to be worked out, Mr. Mackenzie King added. He indicated that some of the prices and quantities would be known tonight or tomorrow.—Reuter.

Japan Payments Solution?

WASHINGTON, DEC. 18. POSSIBLE SOLUTION OF THE JAPANESE WAR REPARATIONS I.M.P.A.S.S.E AMONG THE PACIFIC ALLIES APPARENTLY MOVED NEARER TODAY.

The American-proposed plan for distribution of reparations received approval from another Far Eastern Commission member, bringing the total approvals to eight, with two yet to be heard from, against Russia's sole rejection.

Today's approval came from the Philippines after the Island's Government had given the issue lengthy consideration. Filemon Rodriguez, alternate Philippine Commission member, in reporting Manila's acceptance of the reparations plan, said the Islands accepted the reduced percentage allotted them with hopes their originally allotted 15 per cent might eventually become available.

India also came near today to accepting the plan. The Indian Commission delegate said India was not satisfied with the reparations percentage which the plan allows her, but also indicated his Government might accept the plan soon.—Associated Press.

QUAKE IN PYRENEES

Paris, Dec. 18. A ten-minute earthquake shook villages in the Pyrenees region today. Buildings swept the mountain peaks. Thick snow fell at Nice. Everywhere in France, the temperature dropped several degrees.—Reuter.

Woman In Burmese Cabinet

RANGOON, DEC. 18. DAW KHIN GYL, WIDOW OF U AUNG SAN, THE BURMESE PREMIER WHO WAS ASSASSINATED LAST JULY, IS EXPECTED TO JOIN FREE BURMA'S FIRST CABINET, BURMESE PRESS FORECASTS SAID TODAY.

It was expected that a new portfolio of social welfare would be created for her in the cabinet posts to be announced on Jan. 3, the eve of the coming into force of the Independence Bill.

Daw Khin Gyl, elected to the Burmese Constituent Assembly from her late husband's constituency, has been serving the Government as Chairman of the Social Welfare Board.

The new Cabinet would have 15 members instead of 14 as now, including at least two leaders of the People's Volunteer Movement (a militant organization within the Burmese Government party, the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League), press forecasts said.

Nu Thakin would remain Prime Minister and most of his ministers would stay in office with a slight reshuffle of portfolios, they added.—Reuter.

National Health Service

LONDON, DEC. 18. THE PROPOSED PAYMENT TO DOCTORS UNDER THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE WILL BE GIVEN BY THE HEALTH MINISTER TOMORROW.

A central fund will be established equal to a capitation fee of 18/- per head of 95 per cent of the population estimated at 46,862,500.

The first charges on the fund, assuming that 17,000 principals take part, will be £1,000,000 for mileage payments and £5,370,000 for an annual payment of £300 each.

The balance will provide a capitation fee of 15/2d if 95 per cent of the population are actually on doctors' lists.—Reuter.

New York Dec. 19. The National Board of Fire Underwriters estimated US fire losses for the first 11 months at US\$ 624,274,000, the highest ever.—Associated Press.

Economic Side Most Important

NANKING, DEC. 19. ADDRESSING THE JOINT OFFICE OF THE FOUR NATIONAL BANKS, GENERAL-ISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK TODAY STRESSED THAT ECONOMIC STABILIZATION IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE MILITARY PHASE OF "BANDIT" SUPPRESSION.

Presiding over the meeting attended by high ranking officials of the Central Bank of China, the Bank of Communications, the Bank of China and the Former's Bank of China, the Generalissimo urged effective measures to lead the Chinese economy back to normalcy, alleviate the people's sufferings and stabilize prices. The meeting was called to discuss whether or not credit should be extended to 1948 in business and industrial enterprises. The Generalissimo proposed that loans should be continued but limited to productive enterprises, finance the export of soy beans, raw silk and tea, and help in the production of rice, wheat, cotton, flour and fertilizers.

It was understood that Chiang instructed that business should be handled by commercial banks only.—United Press.

China's Coastal Defences

Shanghai, Dec. 19. Admiral Kwei Yung-ching, acting Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Navy, expressed satisfaction with the state of coastal defence installations on arrival here from an inspection tour.

He said that Chinese naval units had been successful in suppressing Communist irregulars emerging from South China seas, and from the vicinity of the Chusan Archipelago, off the East Chekiang coast.

Admiral Kwei revealed that the Chinese Navy will take over next year the remaining 40-odd warships, out of a total of 271 naval vessels presented to China as a gift by the United States.

He said that most of these ships are at present in the Philippines and Guam. The Admiral also declared that the assembling of some 33 Japanese repatriation vessels was being hampered by the lack of spare parts.—Reuter.

MINERS' FUND

LONDON, DEC. 18. It was announced this afternoon that miners will pay a quarterly levy of six pence in future under the scheme by which dependents of miners killed at work will receive £200, in addition to compensation. The National Coal Board said that the Miners' Union and the Board will each give £25,000 to start the fund.—Reuter.

Violence In Italy's Strike

ROME, DEC. 18. TEN WERE REPORTED WOUNDED IN A GUN BATTLE IN FRONT OF PALERMO'S CITY HALL TONIGHT IN THE FIRST MAJOR VIOLENCE IN THE SICILIAN CITIES GENERAL STRIKES.

At the same time a nationwide walkout of 800,000 food workers was reported to begin five days before Christmas.

While Communists and Republicans exchanged blows in a brawl on the floor of the Constituent Assembly, despatches from Palermo, Sicily's capital, said police and demonstrators fought a pitched battle after a general strike there had ended and strikers tried to invade the city hall.—Associated Press.

Gromyko Makes New Accusations

Lake Success, Dec. 18. Andrei A. Gromyko today charged "certain influential circles" in the United States with preventing an agreement on atomic energy control and demanded that the United Nations stop killing time on useless discussion.

The Soviet deputy Foreign Minister, in effect, served notice that the U.N. must agree unanimously on how to control the atom for peace before creating an "involved machine to make such control work."

Speaking to the last meeting this year of the Working Committee of the U.N. Atomic Energy Commission, Gromyko said it would be in the interests of the U.S. as a nation, and of the U.S. people to reach agreement on fundamentals of atomic control.

Frederick Osborn, U.S. deputy on the committee, promptly said the U.S. was ready to discuss Russia's plans for atomic control. He emphasized that the United States would continue its attempts to find a solution to the atomic problem which has led up to the Atomic Energy Commission for a year.

1—The Political Committee of the Atomic Commission will take up a series of British questions and Russian answers dealing with Soviet proposals for setting up an international control commission.

2—The Commission's Control Committee will take up work on the organization, administration and financing of an atomic authority.

3—The majority of 10 nations and Soviet Russia are far apart as ever in the big question of atomic control. Gromyko said he was willing to explain his position again in the Political Committee but insisted that the Control Committee had nothing to talk about until Russia had the majority of the Commission have solved their basic problems. The Working Committee adjourned, after Gromyko with a minute date yet to be fixed for resumption of the atomic talks.—Associated Press.



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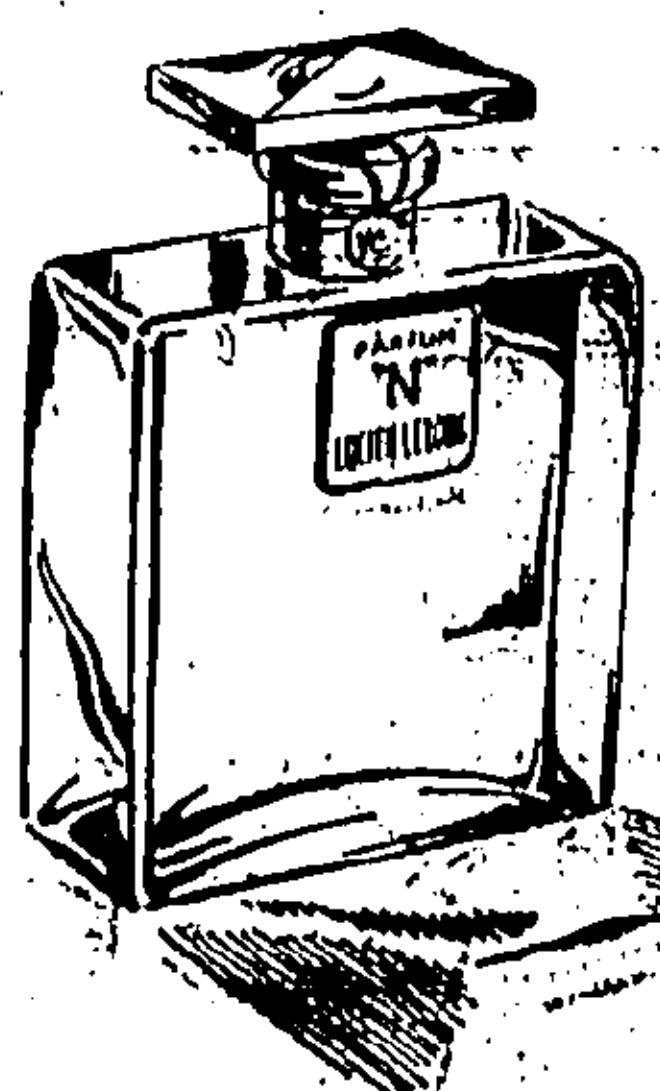
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SEQUEL TO BIG FOUR BREAK "Grave Decisions Ahead", Says Mr. Bevin "Cannot Go On As We Have Been"

London, Dec. 19.
The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, in a statement to the House of Commons on the failure of the Foreign Ministers Conference in London, declared that grave decisions must be taken in consequence of the breakdown. "We cannot go on as we have been," Mr. Bevin asserted.

Insisting that Britain had no desire to divide the world and would close no doors, Mr. Bevin made it clear that Britain would not agree to an over-centralised German Government which could so easily become again a dictatorship.

Recalling the "insistent pressure" of the Soviet delegation throughout the Conference, which broke down on Monday, to get an agreement in advance to the immediate establishment of a central German Government, Mr. Bevin said: "It must be a true representative Government and not simply a tool in the hands of the occupying power."

After expressing his "great grief" at the Soviet Union's decision not to take part in the Marshall Plan, the Foreign Secretary accused Soviet Russia of using "tremendous pressure" on her immediate neighbours and of ordering them not to participate.

Violation

He felt that the act was a violation of the free choice of these states and so interfered with their independence and sovereignty.

Of the future, Mr. Bevin said that he did not know what was going to happen.

Denying that Britain had made all kinds of preparations to divide Europe and set up alternative governments, Mr. Bevin said that perhaps it was a fair criticism that she had not made any of those preparations.

It was untrue that Britain had entered into all sorts of commitments in the event of the Conference breaking down. Britain had stuck to her policy of German political and economic unity under Allied control with safeguards for her own security. She would maintain all contacts she could, and do her best to get out of this difficult situation to produce "what I still believe is necessary—the unity not only of Germany but of Europe and the peace of the world."

Despondency

In his statement, Mr. Bevin said the intention behind the formation of the Council of Foreign Ministers was that it should be a businesslike instrument for bringing peace treaties for submission to the peace conference.

Unfortunately, ever since its existence, the Council of Foreign Ministers had alternated between carrying out its original functions and being used "for entirely different purposes," Mr. Bevin said.

"Our work, therefore, in bringing about peace has been handicapped. There is no doubt that this has created despondency in the world. The Italian treaty was delayed much longer than it should have been. The Austrian peace treaty was separate and distinct and ought to have been settled quite easily when the satellite treaties were concluded. Had there been the will to do so."

"If this had been carried out with speed, Austria, Eastern Europe and the Balkans would have now been working hard on reconstruction and rehabilitation and all troops from the Danubian basin could have been withdrawn."

Cominform

Mr. Bevin said the Soviet Union started a campaign against the Marshall attempt to help Europe. The formation of the Cominform and its resulting disruptive tendency in Europe was followed by a speech by the Soviet representative at the United Nations which seemed to

MONTY BACK IN ENGLAND

London, Dec. 18.
Field Marshal Montgomery, Chief of Imperial Staff, arrived in London by air today from his tour of Africa, which began on Nov. 15.

Asked whether the tour was concerned with Empire defence, Lord Montgomery replied: "It was all sorts of things. I must now get on with putting into effect what I have learnt."—Reuter.

The British Government to be intended to create an atmosphere which would make a settlement very difficult indeed.

Similar attacks were made at the Allied Control Council in Berlin just before the London Conference opened.

"To all these attacks we have not reacted," Mr. Bevin added. "We went on hoping that, in the calmer atmosphere of discussion, we should be able to make progress."

"I had experienced so many of these setbacks that I hoped that, having been blown off, we might be able to get to grips with the problems."

Propaganda

"Unfortunately, propaganda showed through all the discussions throughout the three weeks of the Conference."

"It really made it impossible for us to get to grips with the fundamental principles involved."

A number of propaganda speeches were made which were "quite clearly out of place."

In a final word to the German people, the Foreign Secretary said: "I realise that they are still without a peace treaty and the work of preparing a peace treaty has hardly yet begun. I realise how disappointing this is to see. It is our intention, however, that the German people do not suffer from this state of affairs."

Cannot Go On

The Foreign Secretary continued: "All sorts of insinuations have been made but we have stuck to our policy of German political and economic unity under Allied control, with safeguards for our own security."

"What is the main thing we are concerned with," Mr. Bevin declared.

Mr. Bevin concluded: "We have no desire to divide the world. The termination of this Conference and the manner of its ending will, no doubt, make many people seriously to think. We cannot go on as we have been."

"We had hoped that four-power collaboration would work. We shall close no doors. We shall maintain all the contacts we can and go on with the work of this difficult situation. I still believe it necessary—the unity, not only of Germany, but of Europe and the peace of the world."

Mr. Bevin finished his statement and left the House at 11.15 p.m. — Reuter.

ARIES EXPERTS BACK

Shanghai, Dec. 19.
Experts from the Empire Air Navigation School here returned to this base today in their Lincoln Aries II bomber after a 12,000-mile mission and training flight to Australia and New Zealand.

The Air Ministry stated that the experts had been participating in the recovery of the Aries II bomber which was shot down in the Pacific Ocean. The Aries II bomber was shot down on Dec. 18, 1947, in the Pacific Ocean. The experts were sent to Australia and New Zealand to investigate the crash and to recover the wreckage.



Miss Elizabeth Wyndham, 24-year-old adopted daughter of Lord Beaconsfield, charged by the Russians as "unmanly and uncivilized", is seen in her home at Cumberland Mansions, George Street, London. Miss Wyndham, Assistant Chief of Staff of the British element in the Allied Kommandatura—the Four Power Berlin control—had been singled out by the Russian commander, General Kotikov, in a general charge against the British members. The British commander in Berlin, Major-General E. O. Herbert, said that there was absolutely no foundation in any of the charges which had been "trumped up." (A Photo.)

Soviet Deportees Moan To Molotov

Moscow, Dec. 18.

The Soviet citizens deported from France during the strike wave last month, have written to M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, protesting against the methods of the French authorities.

The letter said that the arrests and deportations were effected "with extraordinary haste. The French police came to our homes at 7.00 a.m., woke us up and ordered us to dress hastily."

"About 8.000 a.m. they took us to some secret police headquarters. At 12.15 p.m. we were put into a police car and in a practically non-stop, ten hour run, were taken to Strasbourg."

At 10.45 p.m. we crossed the Rhine and were deposited in the town of Kehl, in the French zone, where the transfer point for all the deported was established."

The letter said that only later did the writers learn that they were accused of "social disorders" and of "conspiracy against the Republic."

There was not "even a shade of truth" in the charges.

The letter added: "In the quarter of a century of our residence in France, we have learned to distinguish between her people, her working class and her bourgeoisie, and reactionary Governments."

"This unceremonious and insolent play with other people's lives and destinies was needed by the present French Government, which is licking the boots of the trans-Atlantic dollar capitalists for the sake of political effect."

"The Government's aim was to convince the simpletons in their own country that behind the 2,000,000 workers on strike, 24 Soviet citizens were acting as the chief plotters and to demonstrate to the Wall Street bigwigs the sensational police vigour and efficiency and to commit a new act of provocation against the Soviet Union." — Reuter.

URANIUM FIND IN SAXONY

Berlin, Dec. 18.
The American-owned newspaper Der Abend said today the Russians had made a "rich new" discovery of uranium in Saxony, in the Russian zone of occupation.

"A draft of more minerals already is in full swing," the newspaper said. — Associated Press.

SYRIA OUTLAWS COMMUNISM

Damascus, Dec. 18.
Syria outlawed the Communist Party today and ordered the closing of all its clubs and headquarters. At the same time the "Russian-Syrian Cultural Association" disbanded. The Syrian Government said it was "in the United Nations for the purpose of maintaining the peace."

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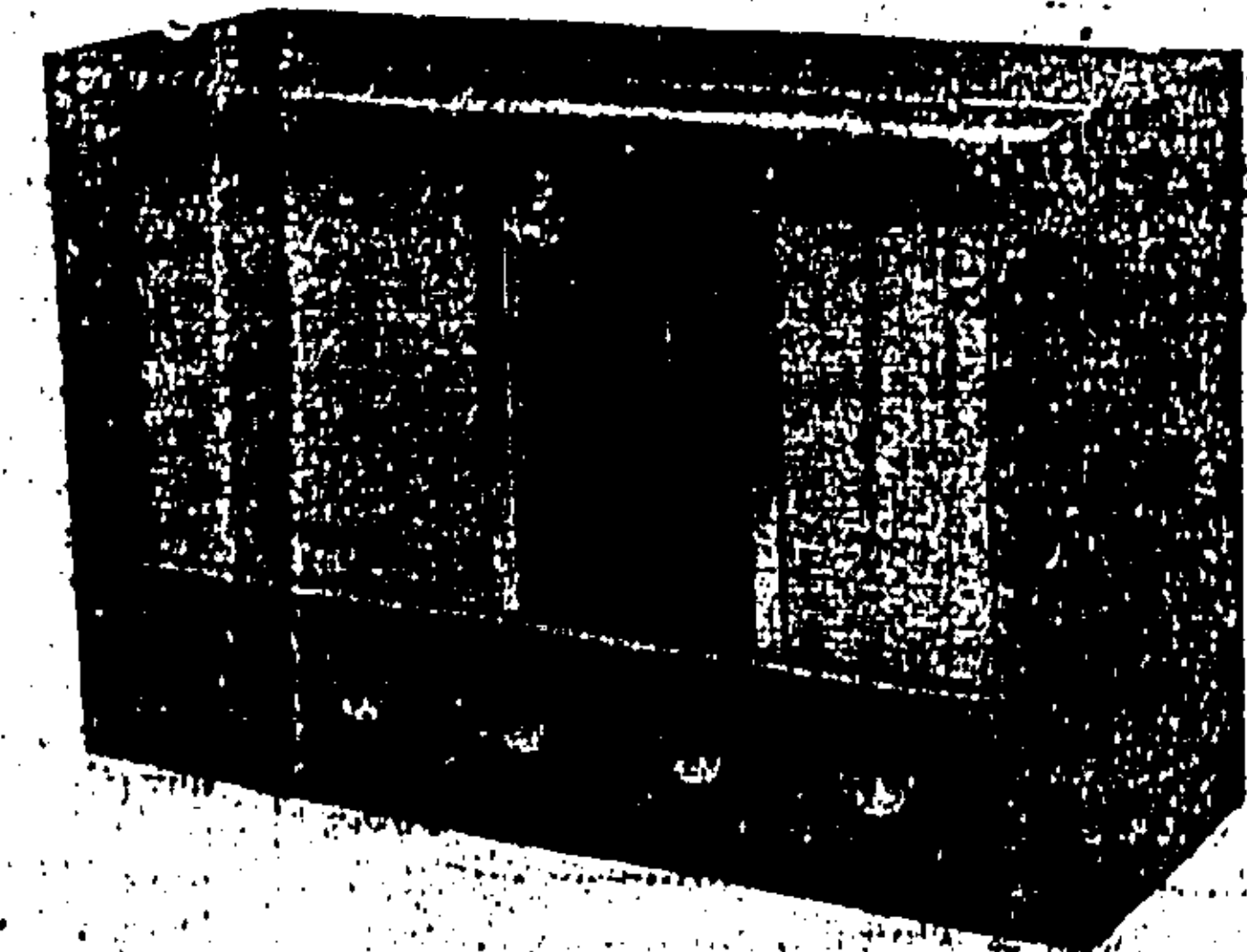
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INTERIM AID

Signature by President Truman of the interim aid bill ensures that France, Italy and Austria will receive a welcome Christmas gift from the United States, though the total has been reduced below that recommended by the State Department.

But it must be suggested, with some emphasis, that, although substantial interim aid is actually on its way to Europe, there is in the executive arm of the Government a degree of concern and even anxiety about the Marshall Plan proper which did not exist three weeks or even a fortnight ago. Interim aid must be regarded as the purchase by Congress of an option on the bigger scheme, and there has now crept into Washington thinking a tiny doubt as to whether and when the option on the main scheme will be taken up.

What has most disturbed proponents of full aid for Europe was the vote in the Senate during its consideration of the Interim Aid Bill when an amendment to cut interim aid by nearly US\$100,000,000 was defeated 56 to 30. On the face of it this represented a victory for the Administration but in fact, it was disturbing; for 20 out of 47 Republicans voted for the cut, and among the 20 were three party leaders including Senator Taft.

The vote showed pretty conclusively that opposition in the Senate to aid for Europe has been grossly underestimated. It indicated clearly that the Marshall Plan proper, involving such vast expenditure will meet still greater opposition. The reasons for it are several. The European recovery plan involves domestic sacrifices, as President Truman told the country over the wireless recently, and the word sacrifice has an ominous ring for both Democrats and Republicans in any election year. Inflation is still spiralling and Congressmen are asking what the effect will be on prices of heavy exports of food and material.

Controls, obviously, is the answer, but that word has almost an unpleasant ring as sacrifices in an election year. Both parties are frightened by inflation. They are equally anxious to find a cure for it, and are searching for one down every avenue except that labelled "controls."

The principal thing which is keeping the majority of legislators with their faces towards internationalism today is the Russia menace, which is now openly called just that. Mr. Molotov's tactics in London and the ancillary efforts of the Communists in France and Italy continue to play an important role in Washington politics.

There will, it now appears, be a serious challenge to the main Marshall Plan in Congress in the New Year, although the defeat of that challenge may conceivably be brought about by Russian and Communist activities generally—the Red scare, in other words.

If so, it will not be the first time that Congress has done the right thing for other than the right reason.

CHINA'S POOR MAN'S CIVIL WAR

By Stanley A. Bond

While physicists throughout the world continue to devise ways and means for making mightier and deadlier atom bombs, Chinese Nationalists and Communists in Shantung, Anhwei and Kiangsu provinces are resorting to medieval methods of defence.

In this poor man's civil war, barbed wire and concrete tank traps are unknown. Instead, the terror of the Communists has forced people to dig deep and wide moats, erect man-traps of sharpened two-foot wooden stakes bound together only with briars and thorns. The local populations tired of incessant pillaging and conscriptions by Communists and Nationalists, have resorted to using red-spears (spears with red tassels) in self-defence of life and property against both sides.

Such is the first and last impression I gathered during a week's tour of former battle areas throughout the three eastern provinces.

Bridges Broken

All along the 400-mile stretch of railway that links Nanking with Tsinan, station after station and bridge after bridge has been destroyed or produced from the rich Shantung province is lying idle while millions of people in Central China are cold and hungry. This destruction is the handiwork of Chinese Communists—called liberators of China—and is infinitely more disastrous than any wrought by the Japanese. This railway line was captured intact and in running order. But six months after V-J day, the Chinese Communists destroyed vital bridges and until this week-end no food or coal trains have left this potentially abundant province.

But in this interminable civil war, Nationalist forces have succeeded in rebuilding this vital railroad. Without modern equipment for bridge or track-laying, coolie strength and Chinese ingenuity and determination for overcoming their adversaries, including war and famine, have again achieved success in bringing back into circulation this important communication. Their efforts will help to turn the tide of this battle of communications.

With spade and baskets, timber jacks and sleepers, coolies have hauled and rebuilt miles of tracks and bridges wantonly destroyed by their "liberators." Without equipment to dismantle and rebuild 200-ton sections of steel bridges across rambling rivers, these Chinese workmen have tugged and strained foot by foot and not some of these bridges into place. On this line of 400 miles there are more than 450 bridges—approximately one to every three kilometres—but in spite of handicaps most of the bridges have been replaced and the line is now in running order. Such is the spirit of the poor man to rehabilitate his country.

Spirit Waning

But as one goes further north in Tsinan, the spirit of resistance though still quite strong is nevertheless waning. In this capital of

100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

We learn that the spirited and enterprising R. B. Forbes, Esq., formerly of the firm of Russell & Co. of Canton—has an Iron Steamer 15-knot power now on her way to this place in pieces, to run on the river, a portion having already arrived.

A Mr. P.C. MacSwiney, formerly known in this place and practicing as an Attorney, was this day brought up before the Court to be heard as an insolvent. Upon the case being gone into, circumstances so discreditable to the party came to light, that his Honour the Chief Justice, after severely commenting upon the insolvent's doings, remanded him to jail for 12 months from the date of the vesting order.

Sir—Your attention has been called to a sentence in one of the leaders in your paper in which you contrast "the respectable Chinese" who attend Dr. Guizilaf's classes for "Christian instruction, with 'the more vagrants of the Bazaar-drawn together by the sound of a gong and the promise of a good dinner if they came to the Missionary Chapel'."

By this language, the agents of every Missionary Society, which is conducting operations in Hong Kong are liable to the very serious charge of holding out the mercenary motive of a "good dinner" to induce the lowest of the Chinese population to attend their preaching, and a general inference will readily be deduced by many that whatever Chinese are represented by them as Christians have preferred to be so not from conviction and principle but simply for temporal advantages.

We, as agents of the London Missionary Society, cannot consent to be exposed to so heavy an imputation, and beg to request that in your next issue you will give insertion to our express denial of its truth. If supposed to have referred to the "agents" as any of our Chaplains, we are deeply obliged to know the name and place of the person so charged.

Shantung province, the people are not short of food or coal; they are short of patience for those who have caused the wanton havoc and wish to see the end of this useless civil war. They crave for peace and the right to live their own lives. They have had enough of foreign domination, first by the Germans before and after World War I and more recently during World War II by the Japanese. They don't understand why Chinese should want to kill Chinese, they only wish to live and to grow like their crops in the good earth.

Flour mills stand idle three weeks in every month, cotton spinning jennies too are rusting through lack of use while people in North and Central China cry out for bread and clothes to keep warm during this coming winter cold winter. The Communists in this area have been stripped of all essential machinery and robbed of timber supports to build Communist defences. The railway connecting these mines and the city with the main line for the south were removed by the Communists and no replacements are available.

While these factories stand idle, two-thirds of available manpower is employed in building medieval fortifications. A huge moat, 20 feet wide, 15 feet deep and 15 miles long, has been dug around the city wall. When finished, waters of the Yellow River, which flows close by, will be used to fill the moat and perhaps flood the countryside. Inside the city, block houses guard every corner, while bunk-holes have been dug for shelter and defence. General Wang Yao-wu, Governor and military commander of Shantung and victor of Chefoo, intends to take no chances of the enemy not coming. "Preparedness" is his watchword.

And, to be sure, Tsinan is ready for any Communist onslaught.

Fruitful City

In Tsinan alone, the city authorities claim that since the Japanese began the war on China in 1937, the population has more than doubled, while since the beginning of the civil war more than 50,000 refugees have found refuge and friends in this fruitful city of Shantung. Food stocks are adequate to meet requirements but clothing and bedding is in short supply.

Wherever I went in this town groups of people stood and stared, wondering what the foreigners wanted this time. But a pound or two of meat (mixture of flour, yeast and water) similar to Napolitan cake, distributed among them soon convinced them and made them talk of their offering at the hands of the Communists. Many told of brutalities, such as whipping, torture and maiming, and robbery of everything they possessed. How they were forced to work for the Communists in building defences. How their husbands, sons and brothers had been forcibly conscripted into the Communist army. Now hundreds of them were living in tiny mud huts, slightly larger than a medium chicken coop, without windows or light. Cramped together in sixes and tens, disease is widespread and all the resources of local hospitals are taxed to the limit to cope with the rapidly rising incidence of tuberculosis.

But these few thousands are well off, compared with thousands of others with their sole possessions, wending their way labouriously south to freedom and warmth. Thousands of Chinese are in the march; while thousands, indeed millions stand ready for the next onslaught of the Chinese Communists.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

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CUE BIDS INVALUABLE

Regardless of whether or not the Blackwood convention is in use by a pair, cue bids to show control of specific suits nevertheless have a great usefulness. In fact, there are situations in which they are invaluable as the only means of finding out if a big slam should be bid. That is especially so if one member of the pair is void of a suit, particularly when it happens to be the opponents' suit. In such a case, making of cue bids when there had been a chance to use the Blackwood instead is particularly informative.

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One significant fact made plain by Bishop Wellington, Anglican bishop of Tahan, who spent some days in Communist captivity, was that the Reds apparently have no refugee problem to mention; refugees flee only in the one direction—towards Nationalist forces, he added.

American Aid

Throughout all these devastated towns, Nationalist commanders stand ready to do their utmost to resist the Red terror, but they all realize that without American aid or equipment for the 30 American-trained divisions, the civil war will drag on indefinitely. Many leaders are bewildered at the American attitude and a few predict the downfall of the present government unless aid is forthcoming speedily.

I saw in a tour of Macedonia (Greece) this time last year can be plainly seen in China only on a much larger scale. Just as in Greece the leaders of the country told me the civil war would lead to World War III, so the Chinese leaders everywhere are making the same claim. Whether China or Greece will become the "Danzig" of the next world war is problematical, but it is certain that war in the respective continents will begin in these two countries, unless some direct assistance is given to help democratic institutions to take root and control of the present disastrous situation. The cry for freedom and assistance in China is deserving of the utmost consideration by all the signatories of the Allied Credo—Freedom from Fear, Freedom from Want, Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Speech. China still lays claims to a just portion of these rights but enjoys not one scrap of any of them.—Reuter-AAP.

Foreign Press Penalised

SHANGHAI, DEC. 19. THE SHANGHAI NEWS-PAPER GUILD TODAY VIRTUALLY CLOSED UP BRITISH AND AMERICAN-OWNED NEWSPAPERS BY DRASTICALLY SLASHING THEIR ALLOTMENT OF NEWSPRINT. CHINESE-OWNED ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PAPERS WERE NOT CUT.

The quarterly allotment of the American-owned Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury was cut by 50 per cent and the British-owned North China Daily News by 60 per cent.

The Chinese-owned China Press and China Tribune allotments were not cut at all.

The Guild charged that the foreign-owned papers were using more than their fair share of newsprint by printing extra sheets.

The black market price of newsprint is about double the price for rationed paper, which means the foreign-owned papers will not be able to compete.—United Press.

Tomorrow's Problem

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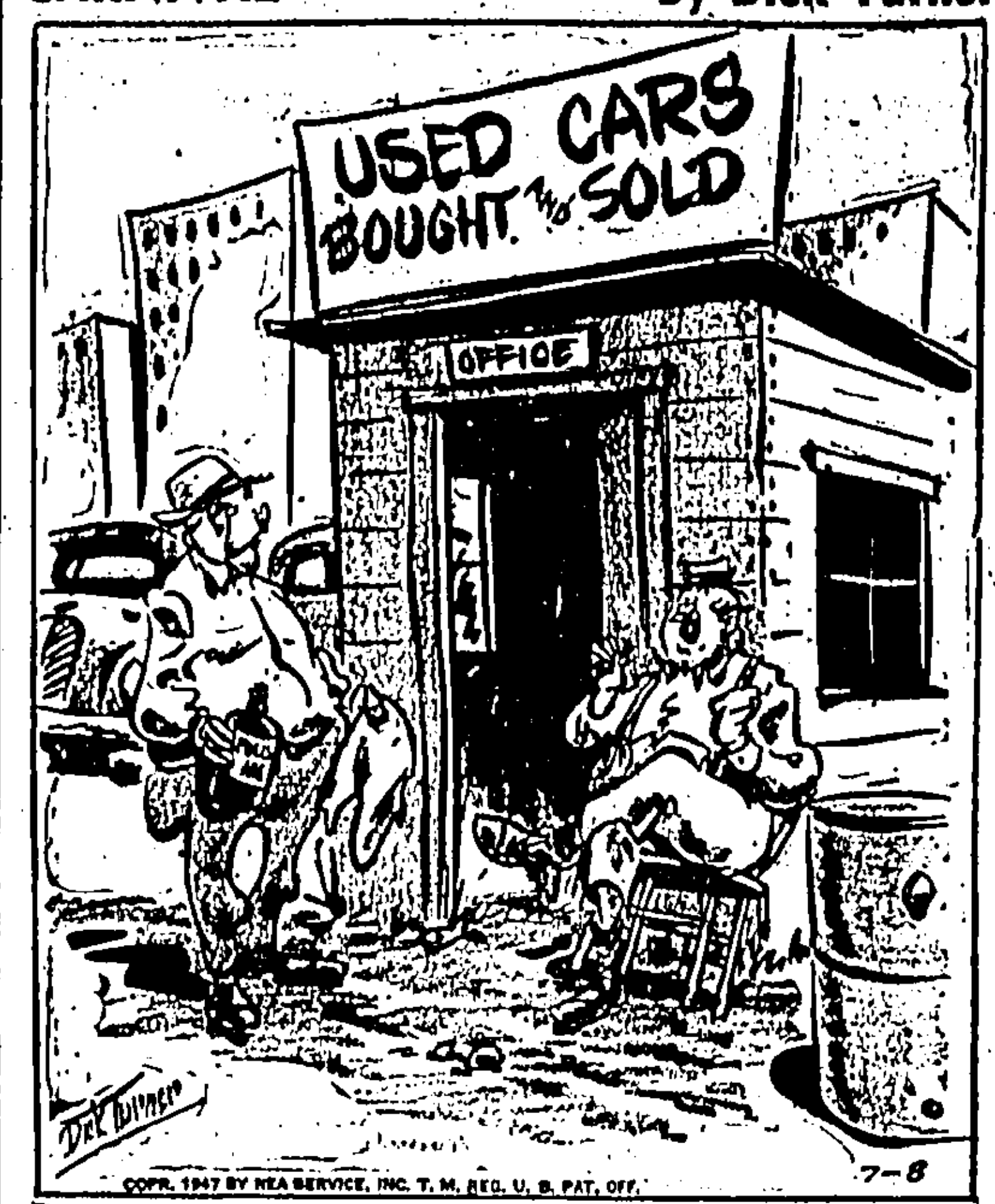
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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"And before you insult a client, Jones, be sure he's buying a car—not selling one!"

What's Happening In Palestine

By J. NICHOLSON

Wellah! wellah! benzina!" the British soldier summed up the position in Palestine with cheerful disgust.

The direct translation of "Wellah! wellah! benzina" from the Arabic is "By God, by God, petrol," one of those complicated tropes which lose their meaning if you over-explain them. But it probably began with some wit exclaiming over a beer that tasted like petrol and it sounded so that it became a comment, a comment on anything disappointing or troublesome—leaving a bad taste in the mouth.

Its History

Hence—to the British soldier who has had to remain upright among the general hunger-mugger and holy terror in Palestine these past two years—the comment on the situation is unquestionably a shrill of the shibboleth, wellah! wellah! benzina.

I expect this complicated situation in Palestine will one day be reduced to a few clear, short paragraphs in the history books.

Selecting the few essential facts from the mass of personalities, factions, interrelated intrigues, it will probably read as simply as this:

When Palestine was liberated by the British from the Turks in the 1914 war its population was almost exclusively Arab. But the Balfour Declaration promised the Jews of the world a national home in Palestine at a mandate and controlled immigration of Jews began.

In 1936 there was an uprising by the Arabs, who feared that they would soon become a minority in their country which had been theirs for over 1,000 years.

Three years of sporadic fighting ended when the 1939 war began. When that war ended Europe was swarming with displaced, homeless Jews who thought their last hope was a new life in Palestine. They demanded unlimited immigration. The British refused it. So illegal immigration began, and when they tried to stop it, the British were fought with terrorism.

Britain became fed of being censured by the rest of the world for failing to solve an insoluble problem and handed the whole thing over to UNO. UNO decided to partition Palestine between the Jews and the Arabs. The Jews accepted it as the best they could hope to get but the Arab world flatly rejected it.

The British refused to vote for or enforce any solution that was not agreeable to both Jews and Arabs.... And we don't yet know the end of this chapter.

On Tuesday the Arabs began a partition, and some of them spent the free time vouchsafed to them setting fire to things, stabbing people in the back, and behaving generally in an unkind way.

That afternoon I was flying over Palestine in a mad-dog orange-coloured Arab Airways aeroplane piloted by a young ex-R.A.F. officer who had taken the job because of its adventurous possibilities. From Lydda airport to Jerusalem the roads were deserted except for British military convoys.

Approaching Jerusalem there was something magic in the pale autumn crocuses which delicately fringed the verges, and as the military convoys whizzed purposefully by—alert and warlike—Arab children in their ragged nightgowns hopped about shouting, offering "soldiers' bunches" of yellow narcissi.

The shutters of the shops in the villages were down, Arabs squatted around smoking "making" politics and looking sinister.

In Jerusalem (Jerusalem! He means "City of Peace")—in the City of Peace were the confusion and detail, with which this history books will not concern themselves.

The outer city is at present divided in an exceedingly complicated way, with barbed wire, entanglements, and the like. The entrance to the old city is guarded by British soldiers.

each zone is guarded by an Army unit to see that the privileged have the right pass which will be penetrated it. At the moment these zone entrances are guarded by a notably cheerful and polite lot of soldiers.

On Tuesday their efficient, merry band was reinforced in forbidding numbers. Also at the zone entrances were numbers of young Jews in plain clothes wearing Hagannah arm-bands and carrying long sticks. This was a useful rehearsal for the time when the new Jewish State will employ Hagannah as the National Defence Force.

In Zion-square there were buses, some breathlessly packed with Arabs, some with Jews. These were being bravely conveyed on their journeys by the navy-blue uniformed Palestine Police. Patrolling the streets were British armoured cars with young soldiers, wearing armbands, sticking out of the turret, looking calm and professional—occasionally making statements into a hand microphone.

Holy War?

The pavements of the main streets were packed with people. The side streets were eerily empty. There were firemen at work on what was left of the gutted Rex cinema. On some of the pavements there was glass and everywhere there was the unpleasant smell of hurrying and destruction.

In the tall public information building things were worrying. It was a milking machine. In this, perhaps, the beginning of the long-expected Holy War? Some newspaper men thought yes, and called so. Others reasoned that surely the Arabs will wait until the British go for what could they do with the British Army still there to keep order until they chuck in the mandate? And the Jews now have nothing whatever to gain by war.

The total result of Tuesday's demonstrations and "counter-attacks" was five Jews and one Arab killed. Not a very convincing beginning to a Holy War.

On Wednesday and Thursday the British declared a curfew in most Arab areas, with short intervals for shopping, so the Arabs had difficulty camp doing any effective demonstrating. And everything was delightfully un-incident and quiet in Jerusalem.

Even those who were permitted to circulate thought it more prudent to stay at home.

In the German colony the Australian gunties threw their shadows on the deserted, sunny pavements. A piece of orange peel dropped from a light among a roll of barbed wire—nearly surrounded by sandbags on the roof of a house was eating a Jaffa orange. After dark the Army walked about as usual in four, fully armed—each A.T.S. with three male escorts.

On Thursday night the Arab Higher Executive announced that the strike would end on Friday, called off all further demonstrations, and congratulated the Arabs on their heroic stand against partition.

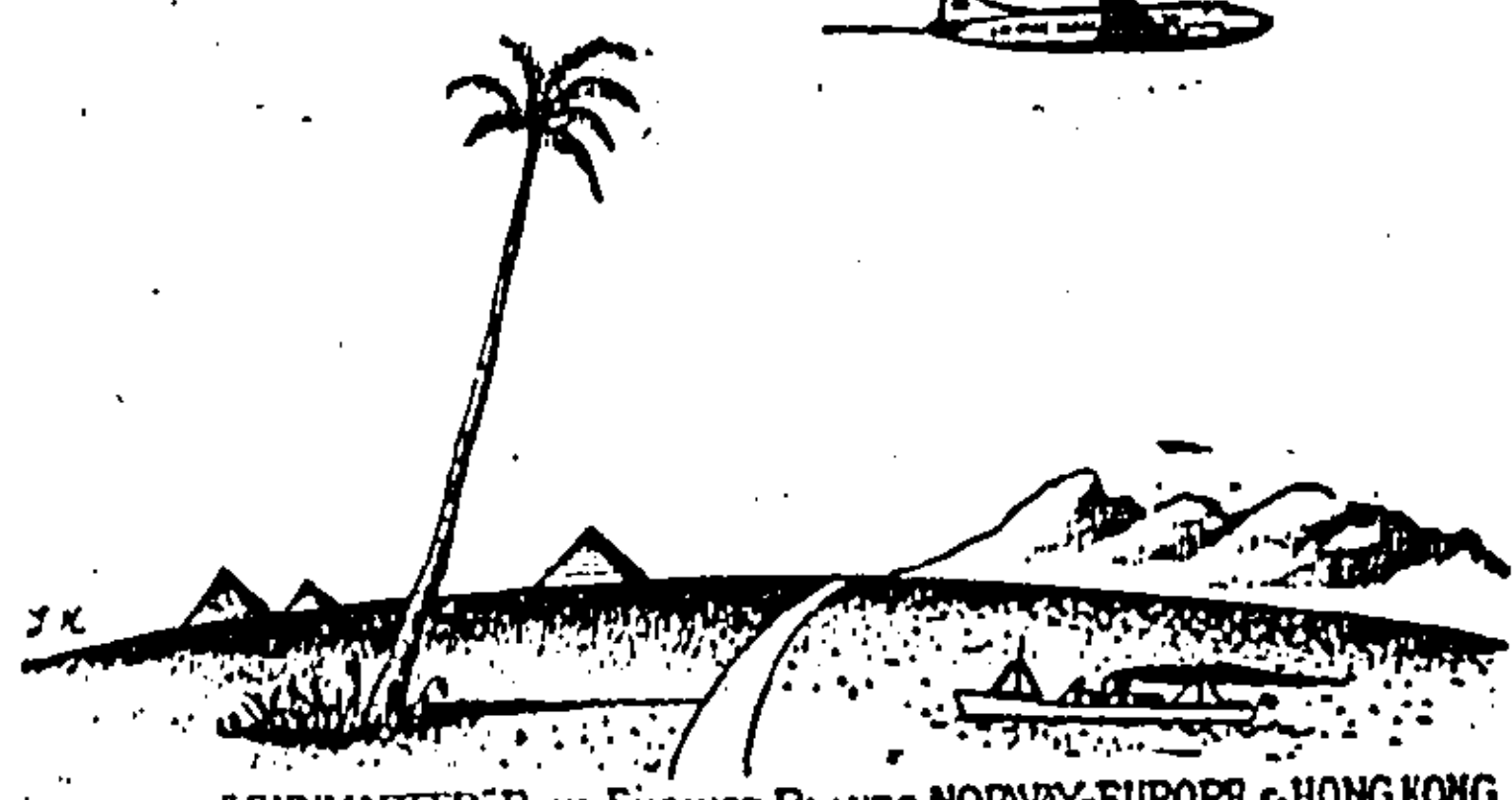
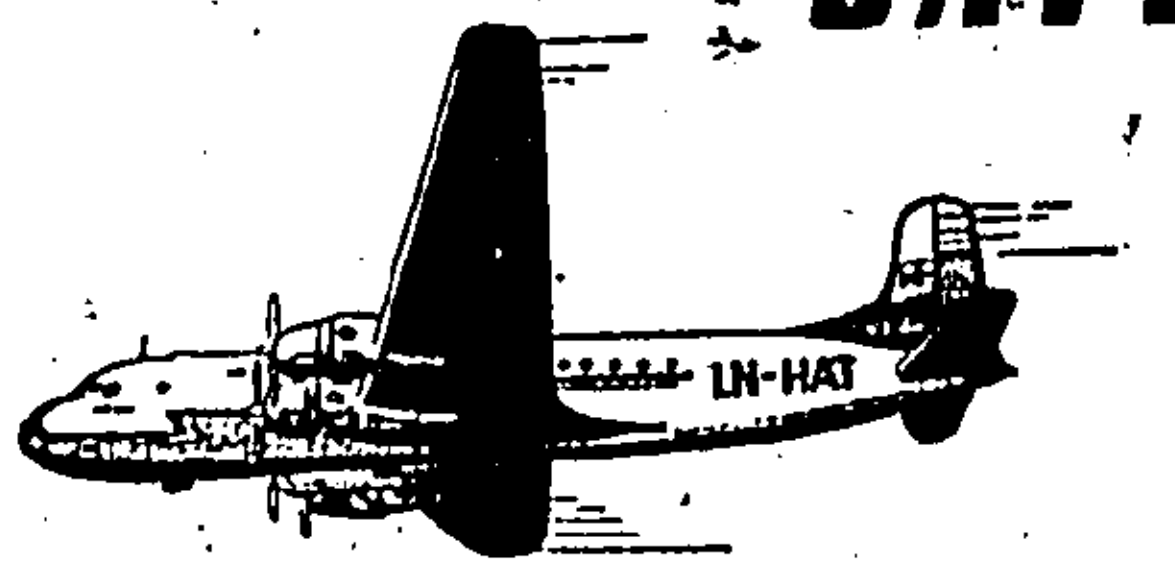
Preparations

From now on, the British go probably nothing will happen apart from the odd bus being attacked, train derailed, and passenger stoned. No doubt the whole Arab world will use the time for preparing its war against partition, and the Jews will plan the details of their State and elaborate their schemes for defending it.

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LONG-TERM PLAN FOR CHINA

Marshall To Study Aid For Nanking

Pressure Put On Administration

Washington, Dec. 18. Administration officials today said that one of the first things the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, would devote attention to when he arrived tomorrow from London would be the long-range China aid plan.

Indications were that the programme eventually proposed by the State Department might be considerably larger than the US\$300,000,000 estimate which Mr. Marshall made at Congressional hearings last month.

Increasing public interest in United States plans for aiding China and mounting Congressional pressure for action have forced this problem to the top in high-level discussions. Well-informed sources admitted that the "pressure is on" and the State Department was working somewhat feverishly to have the General outline of the long-range China aid plan ready for Mr. Marshall's consideration as soon as he arrived in Washington.

Pointing out Mr. Marshall's US\$300,000,000 estimate was given in off-hand reply under Congressional questioning, well-informed sources said it was quite possible that the final proposal for long-range aid to China would vary considerably upward from that figure. They said there were many facets to the situation to be considered and covered and "all of them are going to cost a lot of money."

Wedemeyer Appeal

Meanwhile, General Wedemeyer's appeal for all-out American aid to China before the Congressional Committee today was being interpreted in Washington as proof that his suppressed report on that country has been more favourable than many observers anticipated.

Officials here, while still under the White House secrecy injunction regarding the report, indicated that this interpretation was not wrong. Their background comment confirmed the United Press disclosure last July of the fact that Gen. Wedemeyer was sent to China primarily to find "ways of helping Chiang Kai-shek" and only secondarily to report on conditions there, which already were well-known through the Marshall mission and routine State Department intelligence.

The consensus of informed opinion here is that suppression of the Wedemeyer report is not nearly so unfortunate as publication in August of his blast against Chinese Government corruption just as he left China for Korea. These quarters said this blast, although designed to aid Chiang in his constant struggle against more reactionary elements in the Kuomintang, did not achieve its purpose and instead contributed only to straining Sino-American relations.

There was considerable doubt here whether the so-called Wedemeyer report ever would be released textually because of its frank assessment of the United States stake in China's fate, and especially the frank

explanation of the most effective methods of achieving American aims in light of the policy of the present Chinese Government.

It is believed possible that paraphrased, selected sections may be released to support the administration programme when it is ready to go to Congress.—United Press.

Bishop's War On The Reds

NICOSIA, DEC. 18. BISHOP MIRANTHEUS, 71-YEAR-OLD BISHOP OF CYRENIA, TOLD REUTER THAT HIS FIRST ACT ON BEING CROWNED ARCHBISHOP OF CYPRUS ON DEC. 24 WILL BE TO CALL A HOLY SYNOD TO PASS A LAW "PROHIBITING ALL COMMUNISTS FROM TAKING HOLY COMMUNION, ENTERING CHURCHES OR BECOMING MEMBERS OF CHURCH COMMITTEES."

Bishop Mirantheus stands for a union of Cyprus with Greece, but he described his campaign against Communism as "more urgent."

He said that it was impossible to overlook the fact that Britain was one of the bulwarks against Communism in the Eastern Mediterranean.

During the anti-British riots in Cyprus in 1931, Bishop Mirantheus roused the people of Cyrenia by splitting on the British flag. He summed up his changed feelings towards Britain today by saying: "We will never fight the British to obtain a Greek union and never join any nation to fight against the British, but we do hope that there will be those in England who will realise that our claims are just and our aims sincere."—Reuter.

Scrapping Of German Factories

Washington, Dec. 19. The Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives today approved a request to the U.S. Administration to explain why it did not stop scrapping German industrial plants and let Congress determine whether the plants were needed for European economic recovery.

The Committee action merely sends the resolution to the House. The Senate Committee recently received evidence that German plants in the American occupied zone were still being dismantled and sent to Russia as war reparations.

The Foreign Affairs Committee also asked whether industrial plants had been removed beyond the limit set by the Yalta Agreement, whether farm produce which would help feed civilians, and ease the financial drain on the United States had been shipped out of Germany and whether harbour and transport facilities had been removed and would have to be replaced under the American foreign aid programme.—Reuter.

Status Of Bahrain

London, Dec. 19. The British Government has no reason to change the status of Bahrain Island in the Persian Gulf, Foreign Secretary Mr. Ernest Bevin, stated in the House of Commons today.

Asked what was the British Government's attitude towards any change in the existing status of the island, Mr. Bevin replied: "His Majesty's Government is not prepared to consider any change in the status of Bahrain Island as the Ruler of an independent state under the protection of His Majesty's Government, and in special treaty relations with them. His Majesty's Government will not consider any change in this status."

Dr. Seidat, Labour, said both the present ruler of Bahrain and his predecessor pursued a progressive and enlightened policy and Mr. Bevin's statement would give wide satisfaction.—Reuter.

Mr. Churchill In Manchester



Mr. Winston Churchill has been presented with the Freedom of the City of Manchester. The Freedom Scroll was handed to him in a mahogany and brass casket made from fragments of the blitzed Free Trade Hall. On his arrival at the London Road Station for the ceremony, he was greeted by Alderman Mary Kingsmill Jones, Lord Mayor of Manchester. (A Photo.)

EXAM PAPERS LEAKAGE

Khartoum, Dec. 18. Five candidates taking the annual examination for entry into the Sudan Government service have been arrested after disclosure of a leakage of examination papers which were being sold at five to ten piastres a set.

Two other persons have been arrested and the examination which began on Tuesday has been cancelled.

The examination papers were sold in sets of four—mathematics, Arabic, English and general knowledge.—Reuter.

"GREAT LASTING ALLIANCE"

London, Dec. 18. The Polish Prime Minister, Dr. Josef Cyrankiewicz, declared today that no one seriously considered the possibility of changing her western frontiers because they are "defended by the great and lasting Polish alliance with the Soviet Union," the Warsaw Radio reported.

The Premier, speaking at a mass meeting of Socialists in Breslau, added: "After several centuries we have come back to the Oder and the Neisse, and we will remain there only as a nation united under the leadership of the workers."—Reuter.

Food Not Guns, Demand

VANCOUVER, DEC. 18. THE MARINE AND BOILERMAKERS UNION TODAY REFUSED TO WORK ON THE MUNITIONS SHIP, S.S. COLIMA, AND THE VANCOUVER LABOUR COUNCIL ESTABLISHED A PICKET LINE AROUND THE VESSEL IN PROTEST AGAINST THE SHIPMENT OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION TO THE CHINESE NATIONALIST FORCES.

Pickets from other Marine unions and from the University of British Columbia joined the Labour Council in patrolling North Burrard drydock. Their signs read: "Merry Christmas with food, not guns." "Lead bread, not bullets." "Canada should help establish peace in China."

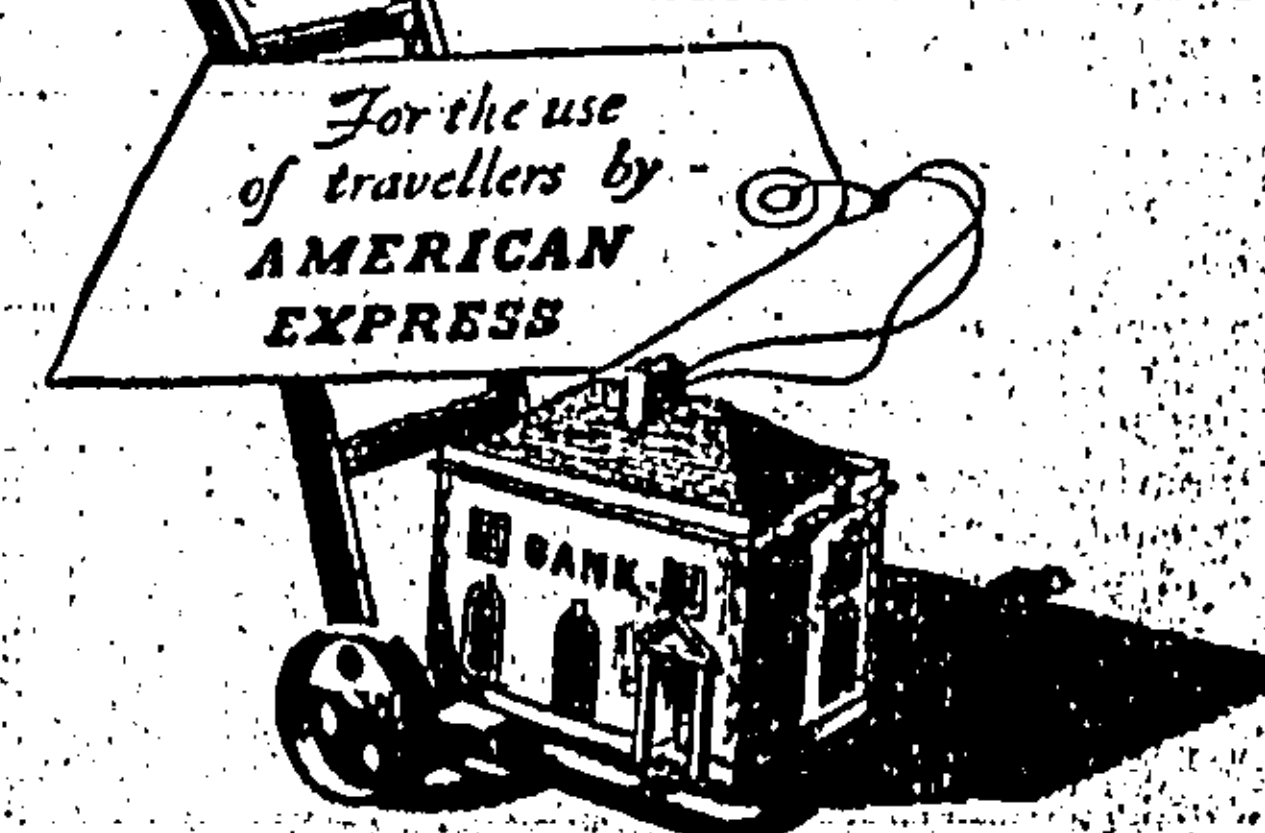
Pickets were stationed along the bay side of the yard. National Harbour Board officials said the ship was shunted into drydock for "routine inspection." They said loading operations would begin tomorrow. They also said moving the ship into drydock had nothing to do with the VLC protest.

Members of the Longshoremen's Union Local 501 at a meeting late last night voted to cross "under protest" Labour Council picket lines established around the Colima, when loading begins.—United Press.

BERNHARD ILL

Amsterdam, Dec. 18. Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands is confined to bed with a slight attack of bronchitis.—Reuter.

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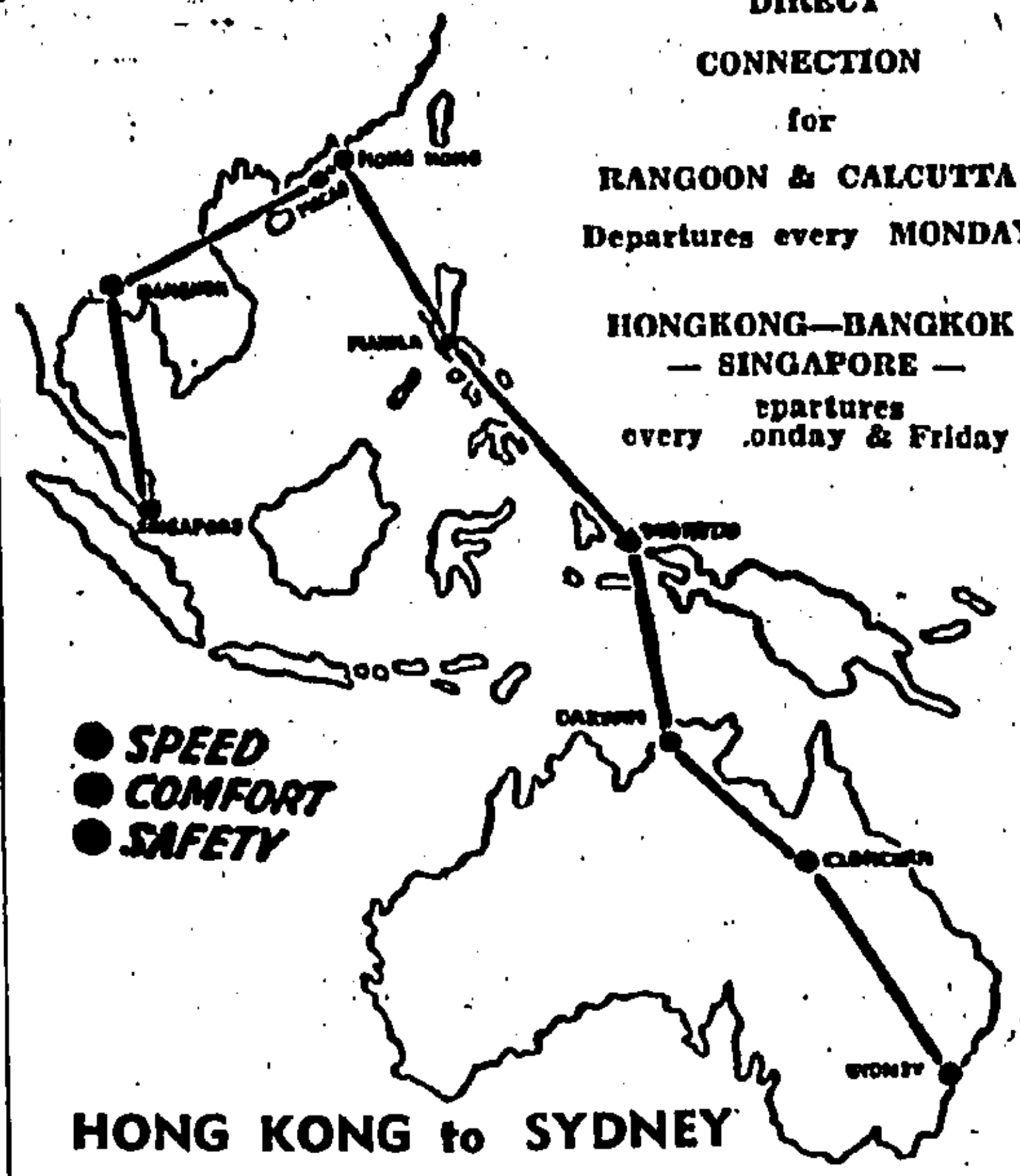
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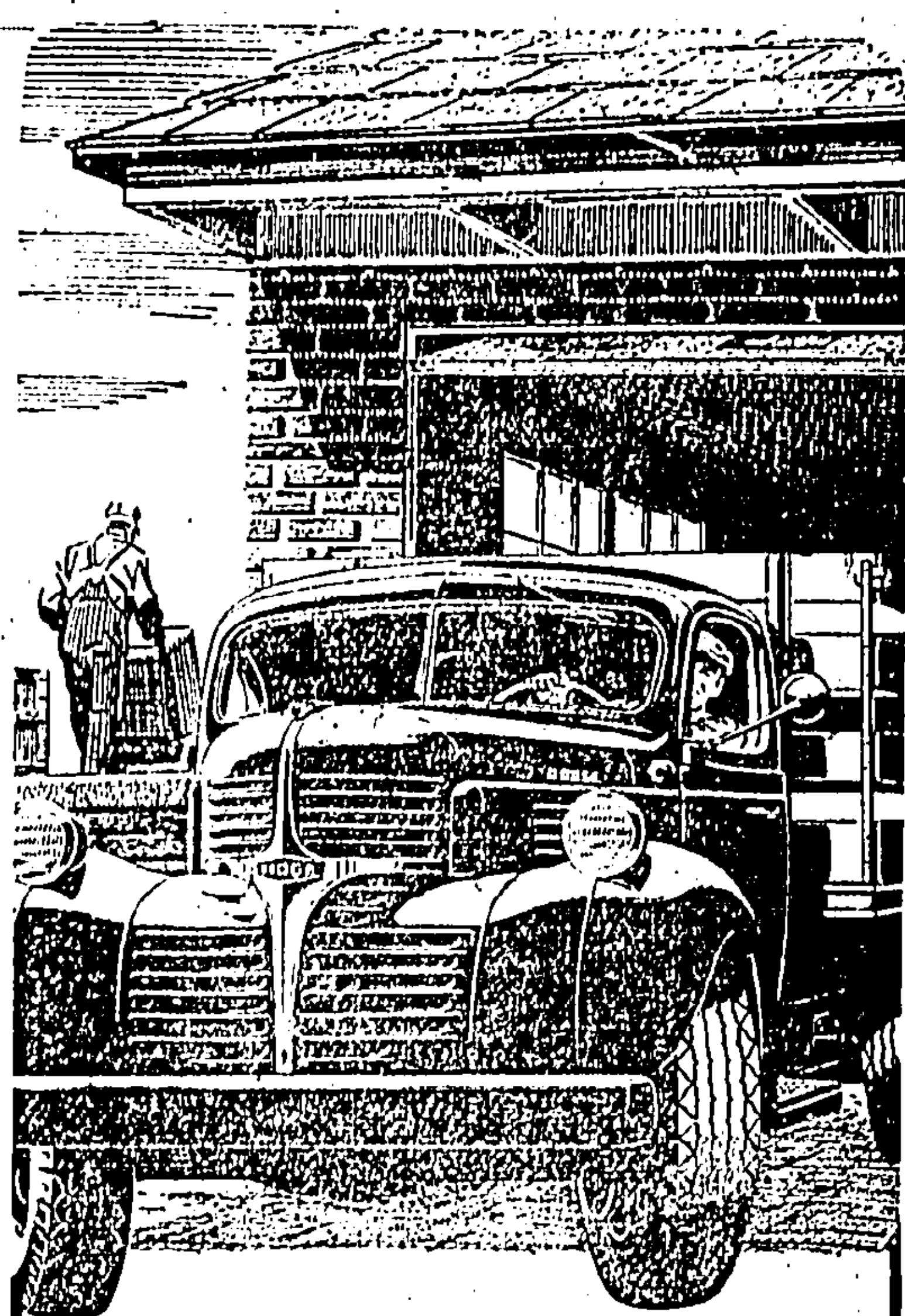
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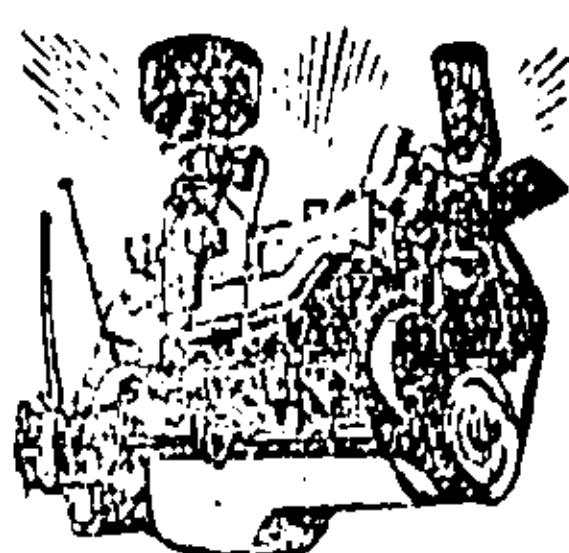
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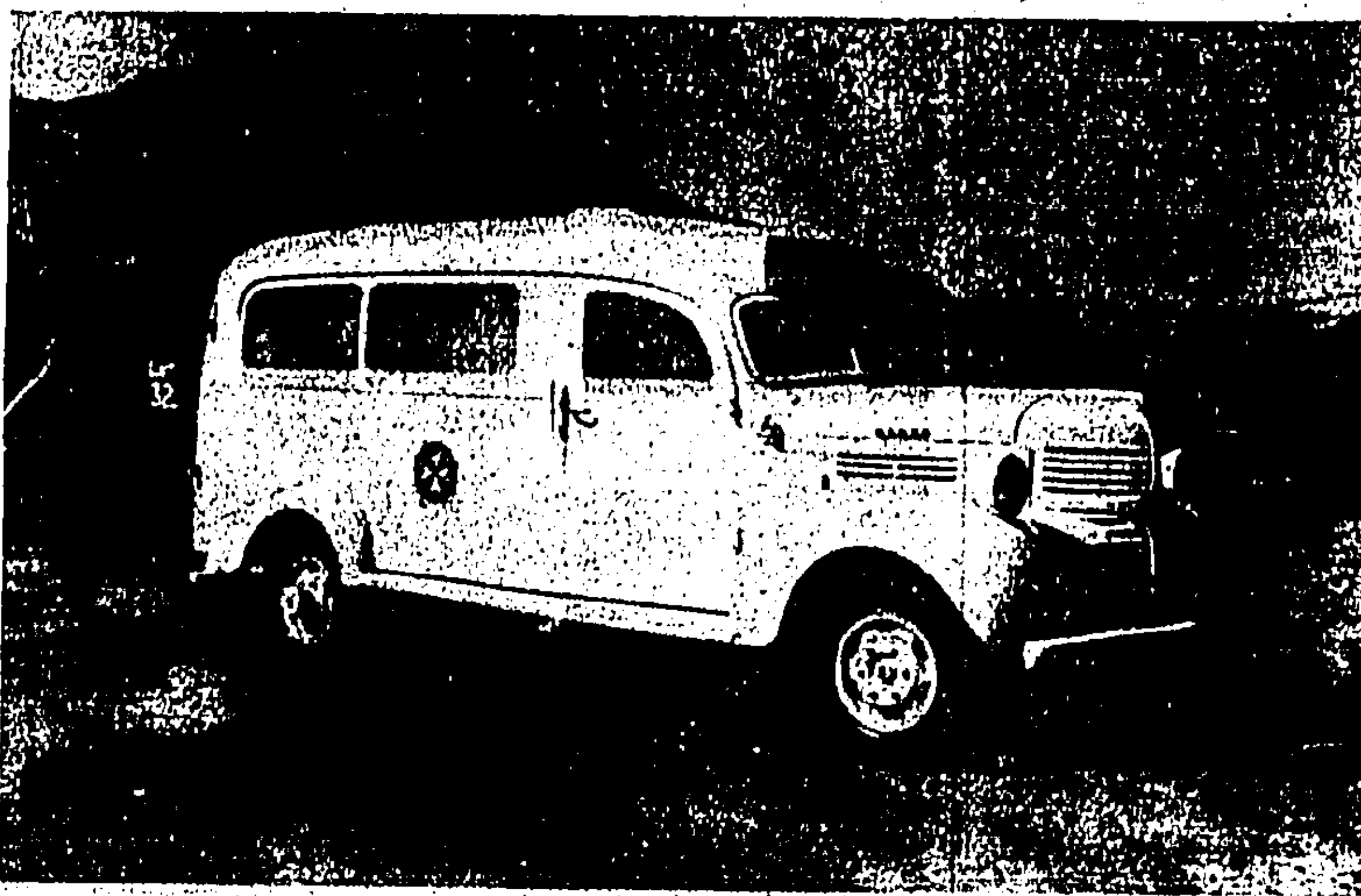
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MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS

New Dodge Ambulance For Kowloon And N.T.



Gleaming in its shiny of white paint, and spic and span from front bumper to rear step a new ambulance, built on a Dodge truck chassis, will be the subject of an official ceremony on Monday. The ambulance, subscribed for through the Kowloon Chamber of Commerce, will be handed over officially to the St. John Ambulance Brigade at 4 p.m. Monday. Lady Grantham, wife of His Excellency the Governor, will officiate at the ceremony.

The ambulance is a tribute both to the Chrysler Corporation (builders of Dodge trucks) who supplied the basic plans, and a Hong Kong company, the Sung Chong Auto-Body Works, of Kowloon, who are responsible for the bodywork and fitting-out of the ambulance. The work was carried out under the close, personal supervision of Mr. I. B. Trevor, manager of the Kowloon-Canton Railway; Mr. C. C. Fan, of the Sung Chong Auto-Body Works; and Mr. G. G. B. Carter, representing Dodwell Motors Ltd. (agents for Dodge trucks). The ambulance will meet a long-felt need in Kowloon, Mr. Trevor told the "China Mail" in the course of a special inspection yesterday. It will be "on call" for 24 hours in the day anywhere in Kowloon or the New Territories. It will be available for all types of calls, quite apart from supplementing the few ambulances available on the Mainland in an emergency.

Moreover, no charge will be made for its services. Apart from the driver, the trained personnel manning it will be provided by St. John Ambulance Brigade; their services, of course, are entirely voluntary.

Those who see the ambulance for the first time on Monday are in for an extremely pleasant surprise. Both in workmanship and finish, it compares extremely favourably with imported ambulances; indeed, it would be extremely hard for even an expert to decide whether it had been made locally or imported en bloc (as it were) from the United States.

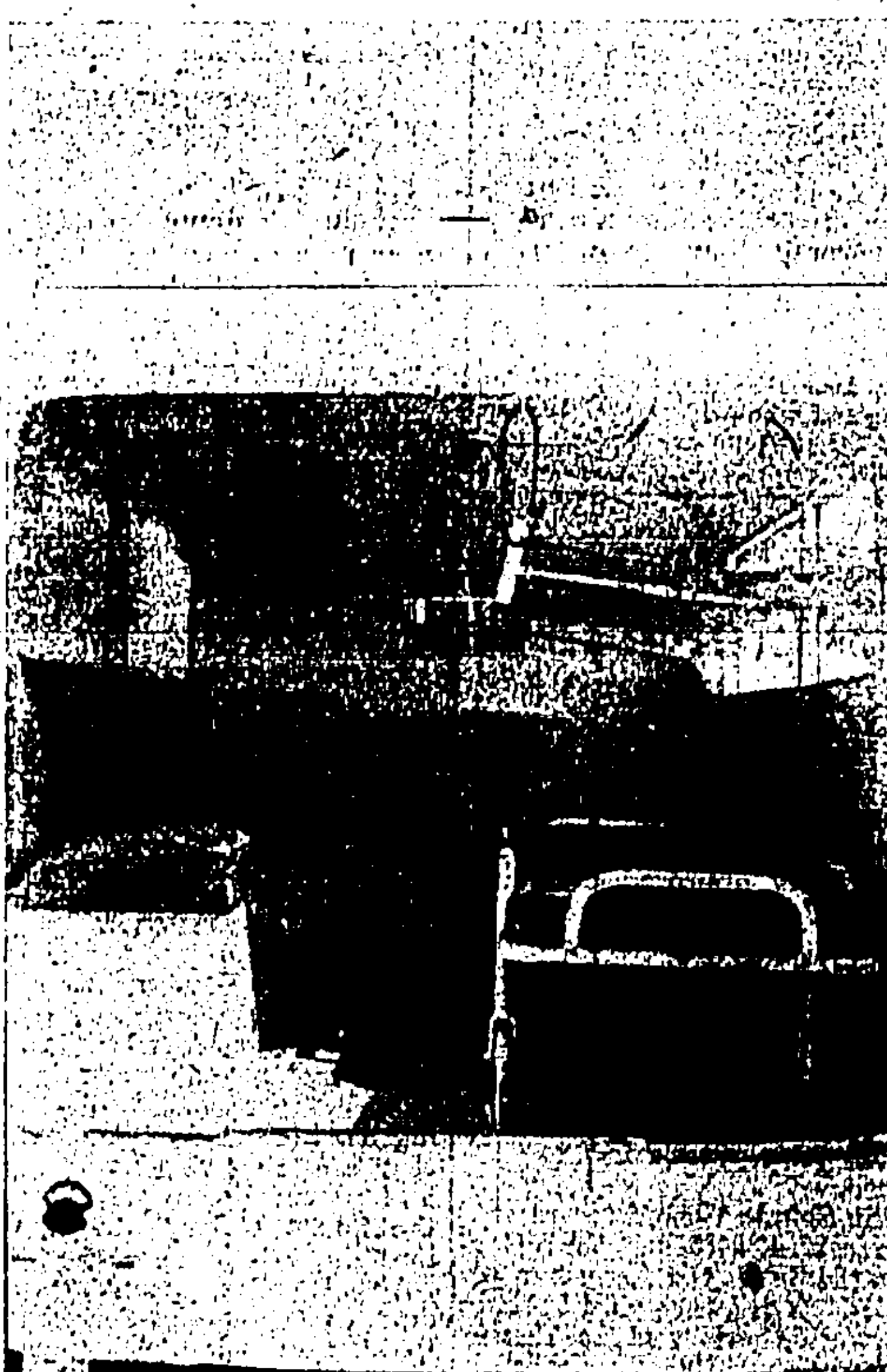
Accommodation

Accommodation is provided for two cot cases, with emergency space for one more. A sprung cot, with green leather-type spring mattress, slides easily along a rail on the right hand side of the main compartment.

Above it, a stretcher case can be accommodated, and the mounting for this, too, is sprung. Indeed, the original fitting has been improved upon. Whereas the original plans called for the stretcher to be stowed away under the sliding cot when not in use, special supports now make it possible for the stretcher to be folded flush against the wall above the cot, ready to be swung out for instant use if required.

On the opposite side, an upholstered bench, with compartments for blankets, runs almost the full length of the compartment. At the forward end, a folding seat and desk are provided for the nurse who, without moving, can lay her hands on all the first-aid equipment required, from medicine

Above is a general view of the new ambulance, while below is a photograph taken through the rear door, showing the cot and stretcher (right) and the seating accommodation (left).



"anchored" in felt mountings to thermos flasks, also mounted, and slop palls. Four large windows are fitted making the interior light and airy, and frosted glass adjustable panes secure the necessary privacy. Additional cooling

during the summer months is provided by an electric fan and roof ventilators which can be shut off during the cooler months.

As regards the chassis itself, this is the Dodge Model WD 21, which has a wheelbase of

Special Luxury Coaches

The Public Utility transport Corporation of Johannesburg, Transvaal, is to have a regular luxury coach service with the nearest port, Lourenco Marques in Mozambique.

The double trip was recently made for the first time with a British-built luxury coach specially designed for the purpose. Both trips, in spite of the distance to be covered and the somewhat imperfect road surfaces, were effected without a hitch.

Although the passengers spent the night at an hotel and halted several times en route for meals, the journey only took 28 hours or the outward journey and just two hours longer for the return.

The round trip covered 1,000 miles at an average speed of 28.5 miles per hour. Fuel consumption was 14.6 miles to the gallon.

The Wolverhampton firm which built this luxury coach has 22 million worth of orders on hand for omnibus and trolley-bus chassis and about half of these orders are export. The same firm is also handling very large orders for lorries for despatch to almost every country in the world.

188 inches and a maximum gross allowable weight of chassis, body, equipment and payload of 6,400 lb.

The engine is a side-valve 6-cylinder which develops 102 brake-horsepower at 3,600 rpm. The power is transferred to a full-floating hypoid rear axle through a synchro-shift type gear-box, fitted with three forward speeds and reverse.

The double-drop type frame with kick-up over the rear axle is of channel section in high-carbon steel.

No alteration was found necessary in the Dodge semi-elliptic springs (front and rear). Large diameter internal expanding hydraulic brakes will give the ambulance all the stopping power it needs and perhaps in no other vehicle save a fire-engine is there a greater demand at all times than on this one vital item of equipment.

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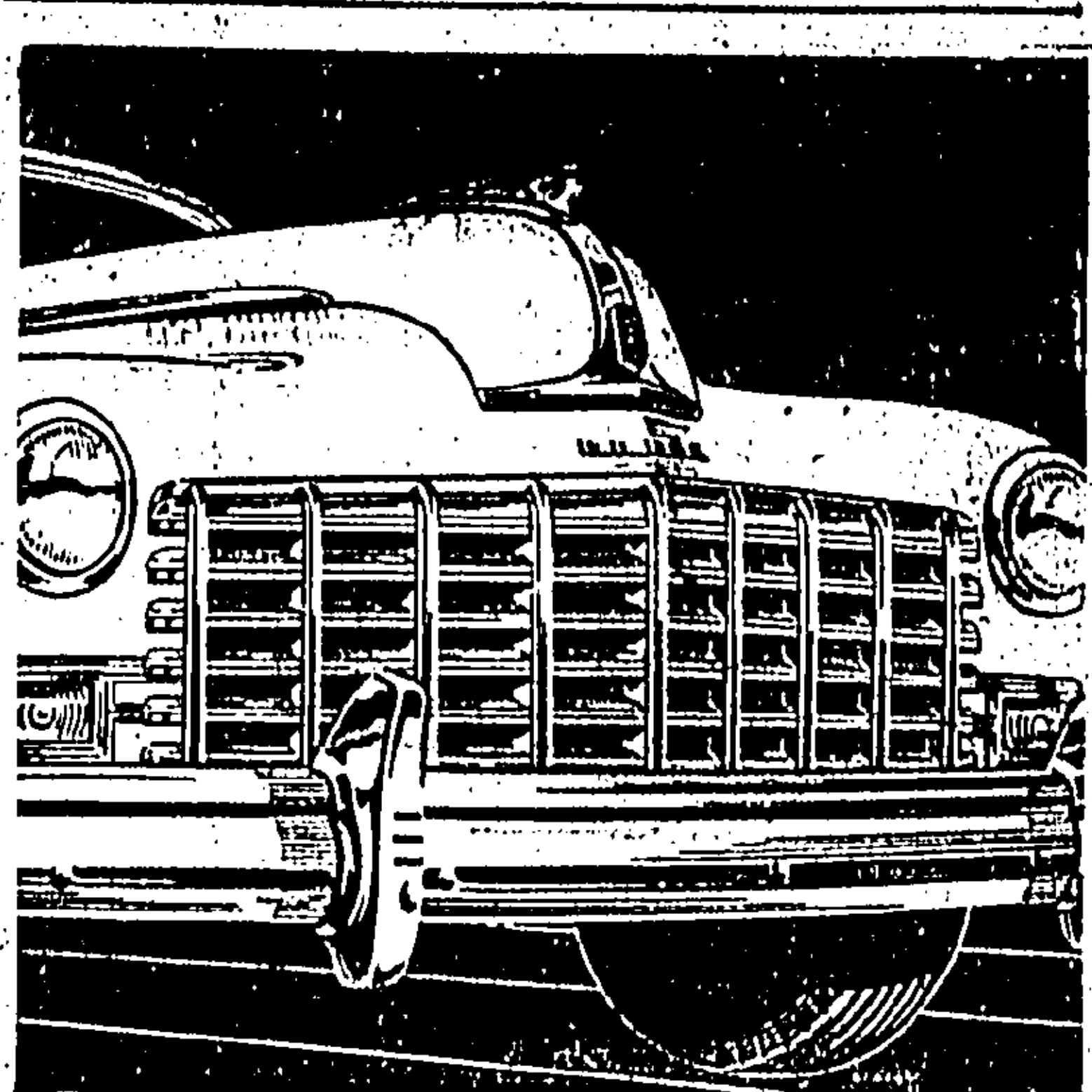
In short, the ambulance not only looks good, but is good. Indeed, if excellent functional design is a good criterion of beauty, this might well be called a beautiful vehicle. The finished product is a credit to all whose names are linked with it—and, in particular, Dodge, who built the chassis and drew up the original designs, and Sung Chong, who put those plans into effect, and improved on them.

Incidentally, when the ambulance is handed over on Monday it will be ready to roll out on any sort of a call from its headquarters in the Kowloon Taxis & Transportation Co. Ltd. depot, 785-7, Nathan Road telephone No. 50001. For it is completely equipped from medical bottles to blankets.

A similar ambulance, donated by Mr. Au Boon-Hay, the "Tiger Balm King," is shortly to be in service on the island. It is probable that in the near future, yet another may be put on the road in Kowloon; Dodwell's have promised to make a second Dodge truck available—and it is largely a matter now for public support, both for the cost of building the ambulance and for maintaining it on the road.

Dunlopillo is now used for the top loose sections of the rear seats of the Wolseley-25 limousine in place of the spring cushions originally fitted. Dunlopillo is also used over the coil springs. In the driver's seat cushion.

The Austin Motor Co. Ltd. announced that they have bought two new subsidiary companies in Canada and the United States. The former will be known as the Austin Motor Co. (Canada), Ltd. and the latter as the Austin Motor Co. Ltd. (England).



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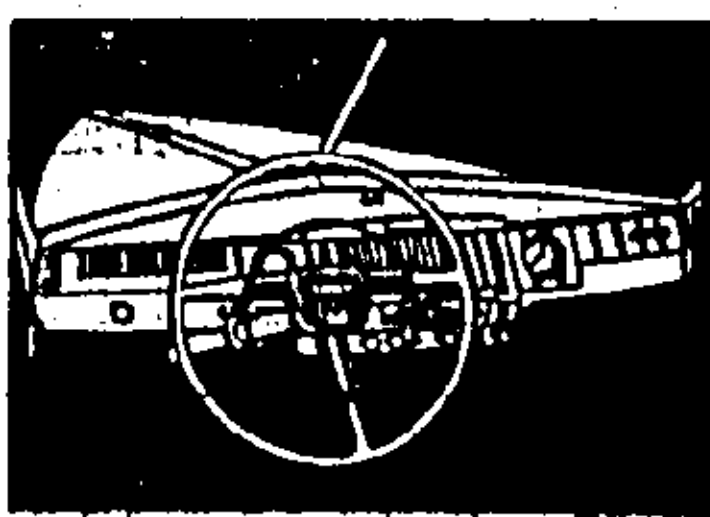
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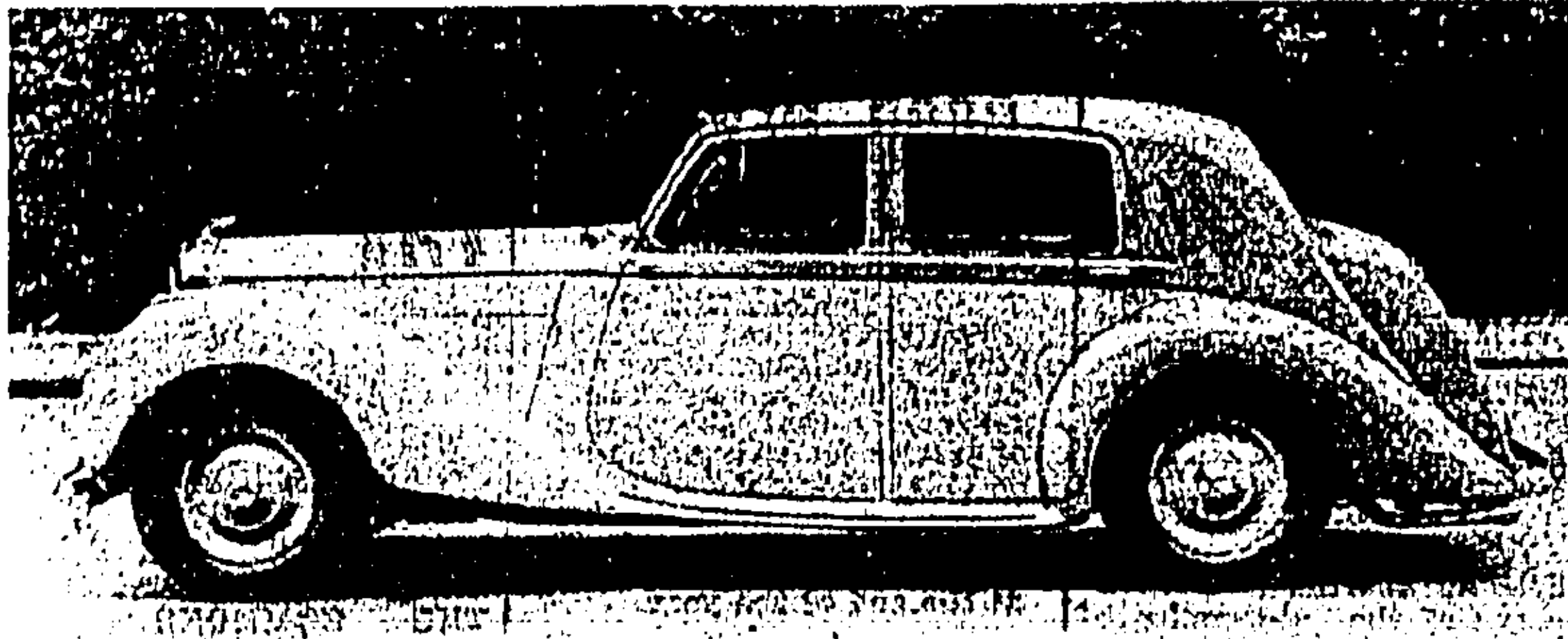


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BENTLEY 4½-LITRE



The first of the famous post-war Bentleys, the 4½-Litre, arrived in the Colony recently. The model shown here is the 4-door Sports Saloon, with coachwork by Bentley Motors (1931) Ltd.

What Cars America Will Buy From Abroad

If we want to sell our products in America, it is no good trying to build a motor that looks, and is, like an American car and costs twice the price, whatever Mr. Bevin may say.

That is the considered opinion of Mr. L. P. Lord, Chairman and Managing Director of the Austin Motor Co. Ltd., expressed at a Press conference at Longbridge shortly after his return from the States, where he has been launching the most intensive export campaign ever undertaken by a British manufacturer.

Explaining this point in greater detail, he pointed out that the U.S. market is well covered by cars selling for \$1,500 to \$3,500.

"They are good cars—wonderful value for money—and if any British manufacturer tries to break into that market he will get hurt. Above and below it, there is a big field for us, but it is not big enough to induce American manufacturers to go into it."

But, Mr. Lord warned, the pre-war British car was not acceptable.

"Anything that goes to America to-day must be new. Present Austin body styling, he considered, was good for 18 months."

"Then we shall have to change again—the same as we do over here."

U.S. Requirements

Dealing with British cars which will sell on the lower fringe of the American market, Mr. Lord said that the smaller cars must be easy on

gas, easy to park, and must have a performance somewhat similar to American cars, otherwise they would be a nuisance in traffic. Also, the price must be right; \$100 or even \$50 too high would be fatal.

The new Austin A40 models will sell in America for \$1,395 for the Dorset two-door saloon and \$1,495 for the Devon four-door type (about \$350 and \$375 respectively).

I asked Mr. Lord whether the idea was to sell the small models to one-car families or as a second car to more wealthy families. Initially, they would be advertised as a second car, he said, the campaign being launched in magazines appealing to the higher-income groups. Then, when they became popular with these classes, people in the lower-income groups would buy them as their sole cars. It was "all a matter of psychology."

On the subject of the upper fringe of the American market, the Austin Chairman pointed out that the finest U.S. cars sold at \$3,000 to \$3,500 dollars. They had no cars with a snob value. In fact, the social appeal of their cars had disappeared because even the best of them had got into the hands of classes which had no social standing. There remained only the cars which we were offering them, because there were no Mercedes-Benz, or cars of that kind available now.

The big Austin, the "Sheerline" and the "Princess," would sell for \$4,500 and \$6,000 dollars respectively (about £1,125 and £1,500). These cars, Mr. Lord revealed, were now to be fitted with 4-litre engines in place of the 3½-litre engines (87 mm. by 111 mm., 8,992 c.c.), developing about 130 b.h.p. and 140 b.h.p. compared with 110 b.h.p. and 120 b.h.p. of the previous types.

Of both these markets, Mr. Lord spoke optimistically, especially the market on the lower fringe, where he had found a surprising demand for the new Austins.

Orders Already

In New York and the area within a 100-mile radius, the new Austin Company in America (The Austin Motor Co. (England), Ltd.) had already signed up 37 dealers (all of whom had been carefully "vetted"), and these dealers had put forward orders for 7,900 cars in that area alone. Figures were still coming in from the rest of the U.S. and that figure could be multiplied by four at least. That meant \$30,000,000 worth of export business to Britain.

The big American manufacturers, such as General Motors and Ford, had said that it would be six to nine months before they were manufacturing in sufficient quantity to satisfy their own market.

"That means that British manufacturers have just nine months in which to convince Americans that British cars are worth while."

"I have met some of the American manufacturers," continued Mr. Lord, "and they don't mind us going there; in fact, they welcome a little competition, and have been very helpful."

In the past, he continued, British manufacturers had failed by not giving service. Austins were altering that by arranging stocks of spares in seven places in the U.S., from which parts could be despatched (by air where necessary) to anywhere within 24 hours.

Initially, stocks would be carried by Austin's own organization, because it would not be fair to expect dealers to carry enough stocks to offer this service, but if dealers found this business profitable, they would, no doubt, want to be in on it in due course.

"With the first 100 cars we send out, we shall probably send out the equivalent of 50 cars in spares. Our job is to get those cars sold and keep them sold."

American Mentality

A point which had to be borne in mind was that the Americans were particularly rash-conscious, and Mr. Lord mentioned one U.S. car which (despite shortages) the Americans would not buy, simply because a damaged wing meant "a body job and not a fender job," which the Americans reckon to repair in a couple of hours.

Another point—Americans want bright colours. Austins were going to provide them. In many cases, too, certain States wanted special equipment. "We're going to give 'em what they want this time, and persuade them to like what will come afterwards."

Queried about shipping, Mr. Lord said that there was no shortage. Westbound ships were going out empty. But prices were too high—\$46 for a 10 h.p. car, uncrated.

The U.S. market is only part of the Austin trans-Atlantic drive. Plans for Canada, it was revealed, were similar. Already 7,000 orders had been received. And then there was the rest of the world.

"Yes, If..."

Could all these orders be fulfilled, Mr. Lord was asked? The answer was a dogmatic "Yes, if we can get the steel and the materials!" Production was already 2,100 cars a week, and early next year it was planned to step up that figure to 3,400 a week. "The new models are already beginning to flow. We are hoping

The Press And The Petrol Cut

Discrimination

"This largely decision has all the appearance of being class discrimination. There are other directions, notably in the consumption by the Armed Forces, and in amount of re-exports, where a greater saving could be effected. It is scarcely equitable for the Government, after having received a heavy tax on the purchase of new cars, to deprive owners of the use of them."—The Scotsman.

Farce

"The petrol farce goes on... one of the least endearing traits of the Labour Government has always been its extreme reluctance to admit itself mistaken... a certain perceptible fraction of man (and woman) hours which might have been devoted directly or indirectly to the export drive will now be spent on waiting for buses, taking children to school on bicycle carriers and re-supplying the additional strenuousness of a carless existence."—The Economist.

Rash

"The Government seems to have rashly assumed that the use of basic petrol is a luxury of the middle class and that an easy distinction can be made between essential and unessential journeys. In fact, some two million families run motor cars or motor bicycles... In all these cases the abolition of the basic petrol ration, at a time when rail transport is being cut to a minimum and when the bus services are quite inadequate, will involve a disproportionate loss of time and efficiency."—The New Statesman and Nation.

Resented

"The cut of one-third, announced by Mr. Attlee three weeks before the abolition was decreed, was generally accepted in the knowledge that sacrifices were necessary, but the Government's second thoughts which have never been frankly explained, are strongly resented by motorists as being discriminatory and arbitrary."—The Times.

Infuriating

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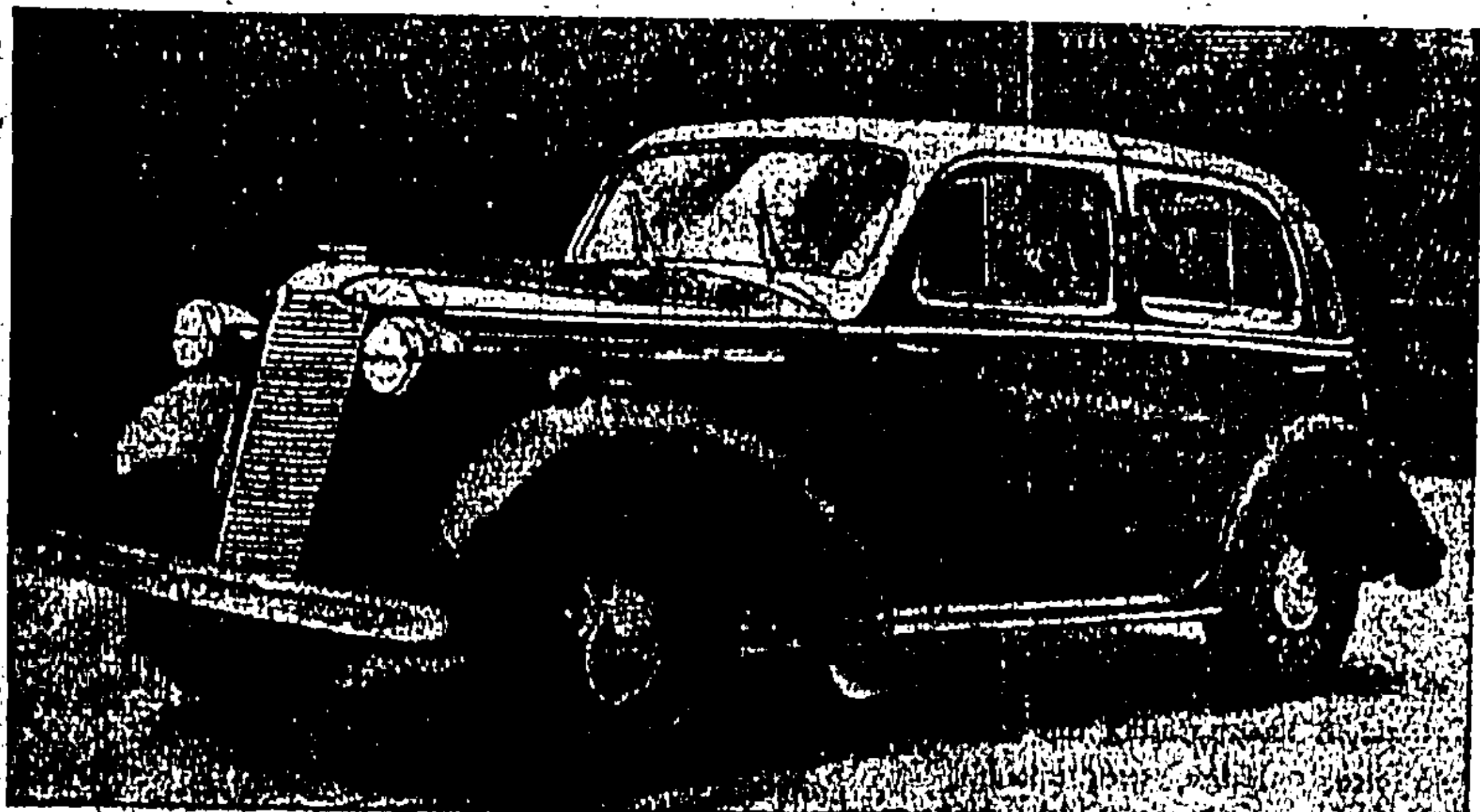
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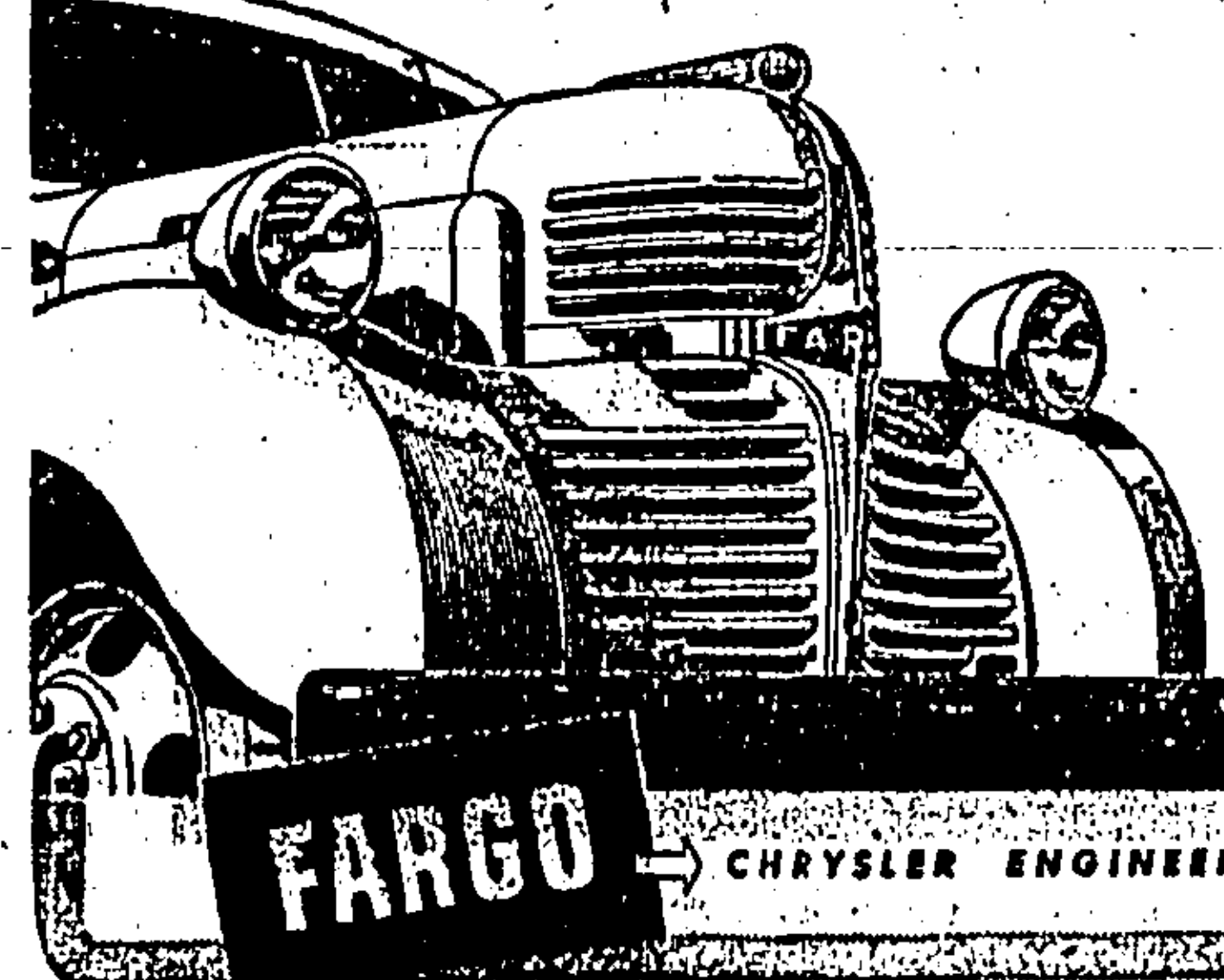
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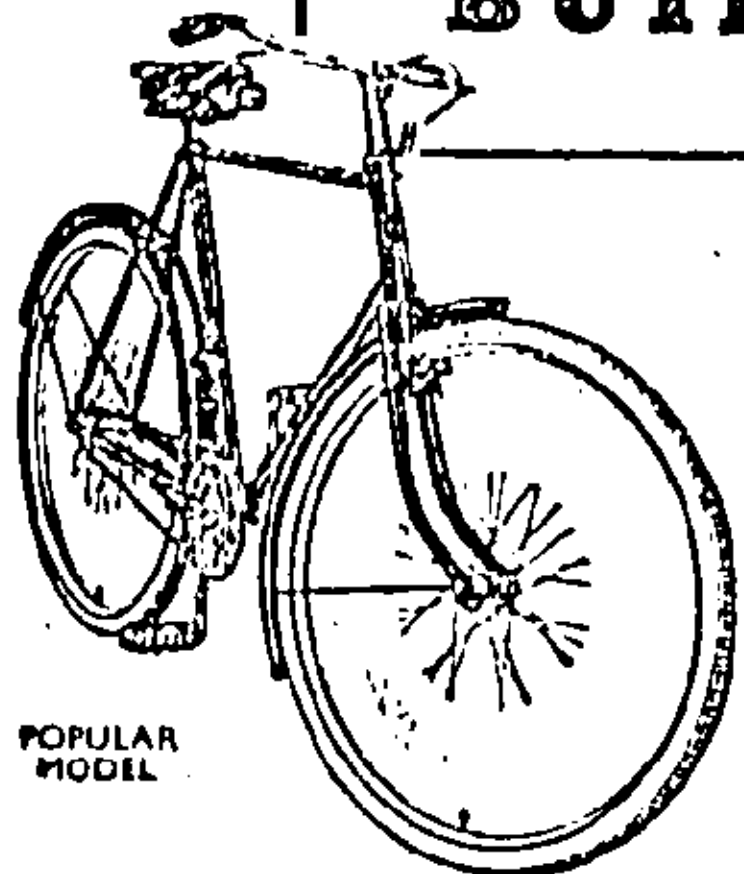
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GROMYKO TALKS TO PRESS Russia To Boycott "Little Assembly" Attack On Atom Bomb Policy

New York, Dec. 19.

Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko said today that the people of Russia, while disappointed with the United Nations so far due to the American policy, still believe the United Nations can become an "effective instrument in the struggle for the preservation of international peace and security."

M. Gromyko declared in an interview with United Press that the United Nations future hinges on "willingness by the great powers to cooperate. He said, however, that the breakdown of the Foreign Ministers Council would "not make the work of the United Nations any easier" and warned that an effective system of world atomic energy control may be impossible unless the United States alters its position in the United Nations.

He underscored Russia's determination to boycott the American-inspired "Little Assembly," the Balkan Commission and the Korean Independence Commission. He said: "Our position remains as stated in the Assembly when it established those three United Nations subsidiaries over Soviet protests."

Palestine

M. Gromyko said "somebody" had been telling the Arab people since the United Nations decision to partition Palestine but said the violence occurring there was to be expected following the United Nations action. He added, after checking his answers, that the bloodshed in the Holy Land "must be stopped in the interests of peace including peace in the Middle East."

To recent charges by unnamed American officials in Washington that Russia supported partition to get Soviet armed forces into the Middle East, M. Gromyko replied with a reference to his last speech at the General Assembly when he said, "The Soviet Union as is known has no direct material or other interest in Palestine and is interested in this question as a member of the United Nations and as one of the great powers."

M. Gromyko granted the interview at his unpretentious Manhattan headquarters built

in over an apartment-house on the eve of the resumption of negotiations in the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission.

Attack

He launched a new attack on American opposition to Russia's proposal for scrapping atomic bombs and said: "The United States does not wish to establish effective international control over atomic energy although its representatives speak as if the Government of the United States is willing to establish such control."

M. Gromyko was asked to comment on recent unofficial suggestions that the Western powers have been trying to force Russia out of United Nations. He said: "I do not know what their intentions are. It would be better to ask them."

- United Press.

Civil Servants Dissatisfied

London, Dec. 19.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, told the House of Commons today he was aware of certain dissatisfaction in Singapore at the disparity in the salary scales and conditions of the Civil Service.

Mr. Frederick Skinnard, Labour, had asked what was being done to establish a unified Civil Service in Malay, and whether he was aware that there was dissatisfaction in Singapore at the disparity in salary scales and conditions between the Straits Settlements Civil Service, and the Malayan Civil Service.

Mr. Creech Jones replied: "I am aware that there is certain local dissatisfaction on this subject. I am at present awaiting the recommendations of two Malayan governors on the recently published report of the Salaries Commission which has completed its investigations in the Malayan Union and Singapore."

Mr. Edward Teeling, Conser-

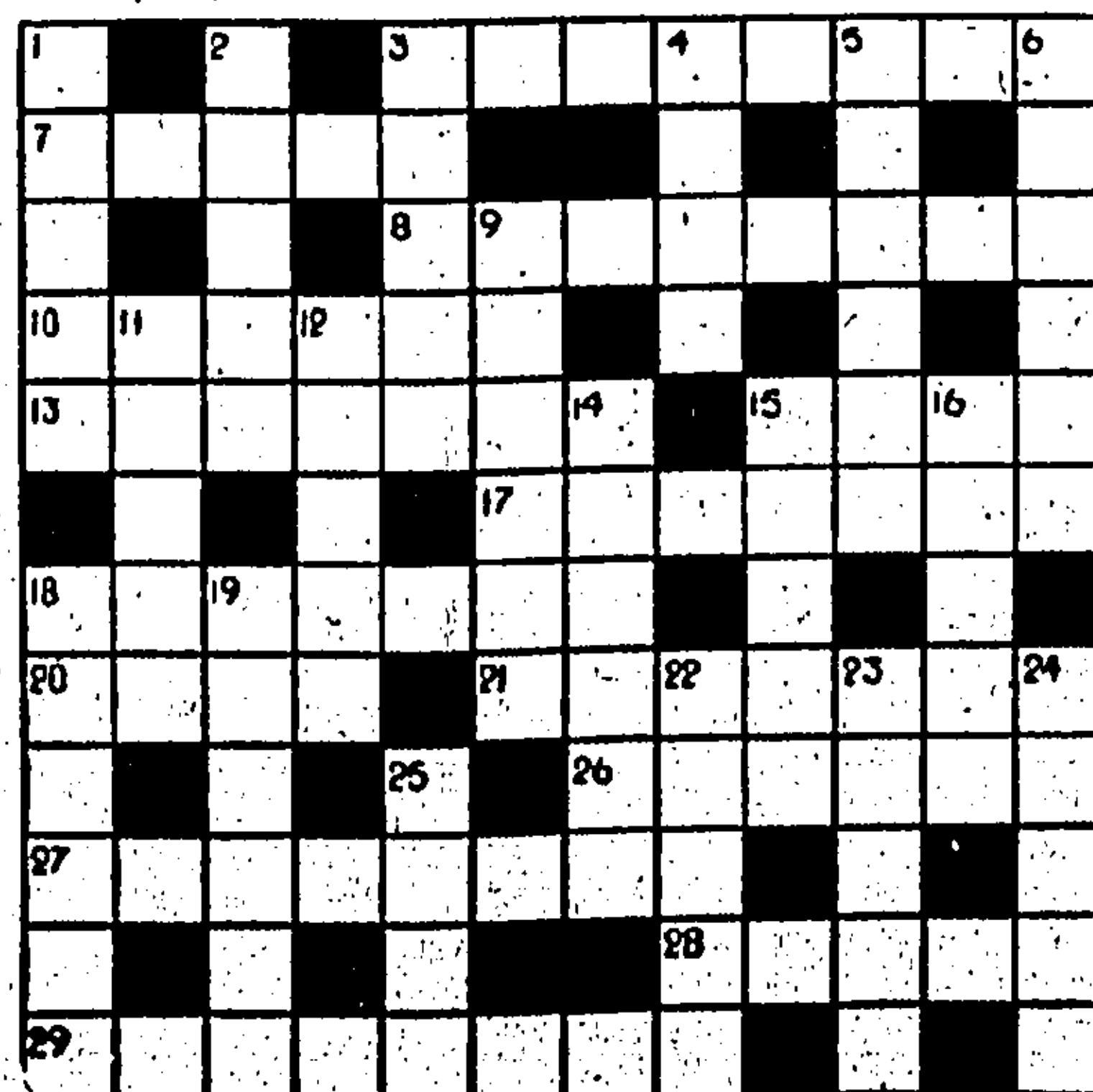
GREEK TROOPS ACCUSED

Sofia, Dec. 18.

Greek soldiers were accused in an official Bulgarian communiqué tonight of attacking Bulgarian frontier guards with automatic fire at the village of Libanovo, in the Nevrocop district and penetrating into Bulgarian territory until they were driven out again on Dec. 11.

The Bulgarian Government had informed the United Nations Security Council of the incident and of other Greek provocations along the frontier, the communiqué said.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- 1 Unwearying.
- 2 Concur.
- 3 Storyteller.
- 4 Expressed.
- 5 Accountant.
- 6 Scutcheon.
- 7 Esteem.
- 8 Goods.
- 9 vehicles.
- 10 Tune.
- 11 Colour.
- 12 Reclaim.
- 13 Balm.
- 14 Relative.
- 15 Hair.

Yesterday's Crossword

- Across—1. Swamp, 5. Ideal, 9. Arise, 10. Marble, 11. Revue, 12. Out, 13. Race, 14. Repeat, 15. Rules, 16. Diner, 17. Sena, 18. Spill, 19. Avenue, 20. Stone, 21. Title, 22. Tides.

GOOD NEWS FOR SERVICES

London, Dec. 18.

The Labour and National Service Minister announced tonight in a Parliamentary reply that the period of service for men called up in 1947 will instead of being fixed for a term of two years, be scaled down to 20 months for those called up at the end of the year.

The period of service for those called up in 1948 will continue to be scaled down to 12 months for those called up in December 1948 so that conscripts of December 1948 will not serve longer than the 12 months period required under the act, which comes into operation in January 1949.—Reuter.

OBVIOUS LIES

Washington, Dec. 18.

The Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett, declared today that the American Government was determined to refute any Soviet allegations that the Western powers were responsible for the breakdown of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

"We will not be content to let obvious falsehoods lie where they fall," he said.—Reuter.

Food For Britain

WELLINGTON, DEC. 18.

BRITAIN WILL GET A "SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE" IN VITAL FOODSTUFFS FROM NEW ZEALAND, ACCORDING TO MR. F. P. WALSH, CHAIRMAN OF THE "AID TO BRITAIN" NATIONAL COUNCIL.

He said that there was "evidence of wholehearted response to the appeal for increased primary production."

Asking for greater efforts than ever next year when there was "every indication that the dollar situation would be even worse than now," he said that the organisation of "Aid to Britain" committees in 21 districts throughout New Zealand was virtually completed.—Reuter.

Malayan Tax Hardships

LONDON, DEC. 18.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, MR. ARTHUR CREECH JONES, SAID IN THE COMMONS TODAY THAT IT WOULD NOT BE EQUITABLE TO GRANT SPECIAL INCOME TAX RELIEF TO ONE SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY IN MALAYA.

Mr. Creech Jones said: "I sympathise with the difficulties of rubber planters. The rates of tax, after allowing certain reliefs, are on a sliding scale according to income and it would not be equitable to grant special reliefs to one section of the community."

Mr. Creech Jones gave a comparison between British and Malayan income tax as follows: Companies rate in the United Kingdom, 9/-, Malayan 4/-, Individuals—reliefs: earned income in the United Kingdom one-sixth, Malayan nil. A single person in the United Kingdom: £110, Malayan £860. A married person in the United Kingdom £180, Malayan £525. A child in the United Kingdom £60, Malayan £87.

The rates of tax on incomes after allowing for the above reliefs: United Kingdom: the first £50 at 3/-, the next £75 at 6/- and the rest at 9/-.

Malaya: the first £58 at 7d., next £68 at 10d. and then by steps up to a maximum of 6/- over £5,833.—Reuter.

Crisis In Greece

Athens, Dec. 18.

Mr. Karl Rankin, United States Charge d'Affaires, in Athens, intervened in the coming Greek Government crisis here today to remind M. Themistocles Sofoulis, the Prime Minister, of "the importance which the United States Government places in the continued co-operation of the two major parties forming the present coalition government."

Mr. Rankin's demarche came as newspaper speculation and widespread rumour gave rise to beliefs that manoeuvres were afoot to bring about the fall of the present Cabinet.

Discord arising out of parliamentary and press criticism of the Liberal Ministers by Populist deputies came to a head at the beginning of the week when Liberal Ministers and deputies left the Chamber while being severely attacked by right wing deputies, whose leader is M. Tzandaris, Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister.—Reuter.

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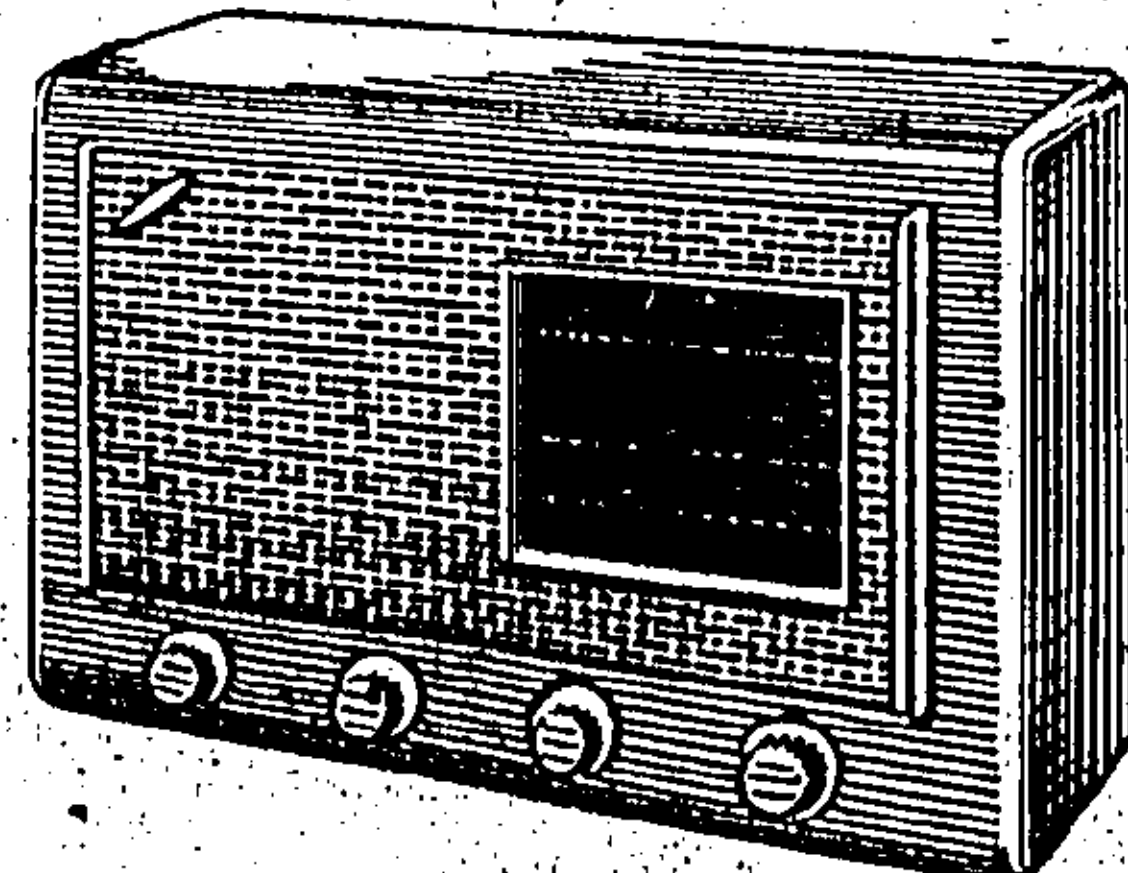


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"LEOPOLDSKERK" Due from Europe, 1st week of Jan. 1948. Sailing for Shanghai & Japan

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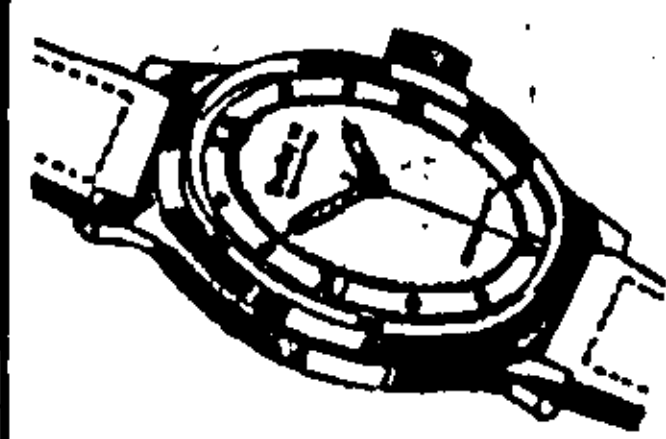
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FOOTBALL SHIELD TEAMS ABOUT EQUAL

ZBW To Give Louis-Walcott Commentary

A ringside blow-by-blow commentary on the controversial heavyweights boxing championship bout between Joe Louis and Jersey Joe Walcott is to be broadcast by Z.B.W. tonight.

The recording was made by the Armed Forces Radio Service and flown to Hong Kong free of charge by Pan-American Airways.

Starting at 9 o'clock tonight and continuing till 11 p.m., the recording will include remarks made after the fight by the two contestants.

National Rifle Shooting

Tomorrow and Monday at Stonecutters Range, the Hong Kong teams will fire in the National Rifle Association Rifle and Pistol matches, 1947.

Teams have been selected from volunteers from the Services, HKVDC and the Police, who have been practicing during week-ends for some months past.

Names are as follows:—

(A) RIFLE:—
SR (a): CSSM H. T. Ashby, RM; Sgt. G.E. Hatherell, RM; Sgt. A. Maylor, RM; Sgt. J. Turner, RM; Sgt. G. O'Brien, 2nd RM; Sgt. G.A. Lemmy, HKVDC; Chief Inspector Hwa Cum Chui, HK Police; Sub-Inspector J. McMillan, HK Police.

Reserves: Capt. W.H. Bath, AM; Pte. W. Marsh, 2 Buffs.

SR (b): Commander J. Howson, DSC, RN; Mrs. S. Maynard, RN; Supr. S.W. Lee Sai Wah, HK Police; Chief Inspector Gowans, HK Police; Chief Inspector Chau Ching Chiu, HK Police; Inspector F.E. Russell, HK Police; Sub-Inspector G.J. Perkins, HK Police; A.N. Other.

Reserves: Lt. Commander G.A.J.

All the five senior games in the First Round of the Football Shield competition this afternoon should be evenly contested in view of the large scale transfers and interchange of players among Chinese Club during the week.

A week ago Kitchens would have been firm favourites in the game against Inniskillings, but with the loss of their "stars" in Hau Yun-sang, Lau Chung-sang, Lau Shui-wing, Ho Ying-fun and Soong Ling-ting to Sing Tao, they are not expected to win.

True they have secured three players from Sing Tao, but this is poor compensation for the loss of five of the best players.

Without Chui Wing-leung and Tso Fung-cho who have also gone over to Sing Tao, Eastern will not have matters their own way against the Bulls while at Kowloon Motor Bus re-joined by Fung Kwan-shing from Sing Tao are expected to give the Chinese Athletic a good game.

With Chui again at full strength they should account for Hwa Nany who seem to have difficulty in getting a good side together. Redman leading the attack.

If Gordon the Police pivot, is able to hold steady, the Air Force centre forward, it will be on a par with the Police in the next round.

In the Junior division, Navy holders, should easily account for 25th R.A. The best game in this division should be at Boun-dary Road where a strengthened

Goodheart, DSC, RN; Sgt. N.G. Grant, RM; Sub-Inspector Yu, HK Police.

(B) PISTOL:—
A team of four competitors to be chosen from: Mr. S. Maynard, RN; Capt. W.H. Bath, RM; CSSM H.T. Ashby, RM; Sgt. A. Maylor, RM; Sgt. G.E. Hatherell, RM; Chief Inspector W.G. Gowans, HK Police; Inspector F.E. Russell, HK Police; Sub-Inspector G.J. Perkins, HK Police; Sub-Inspector J. Wall, HK Police.

Major W. Smith, GSO2, HQ Land Forces, and Lt. H.K. Sergeant, RN, will supervise at the firing point. Capt. W.H. Bath, RM, and Capt. G. Calvert, HKVDC, will be in charge of the butts.

TENNIS

An American Mixed Doubles tennis tournament will be held at the K.C.C. at 2 p.m. on Sunday, on the grass courts. It will be open to members and guests. Entries will be accepted up to commencement of play.

When Two Stars Meet



Margaret Lockwood (left) British Film Star with Carol Landis at a party organised by the Royal Command performance organisation in honour of American stars at the Savoy Hotel, London, recently.—A.Phot.

QUADRANGULAR RUGGER:

Army-Navy Game Should Be Tense

By "CRUMS"
Today's matches in the Rugger Quadrangular Tournament are both being played on the Army Ground at Sookunpoo. At 3.15 Army meet Navy and at 4.15 Club play R.A.F. & Police.

The first game should produce the more exciting football, especially as these old enemies met a month ago when the only score was a penalty goal by the Army; and the Navy will be all out to avenge this defeat. All four sides are feeling the effects of seven weeks football on the hard grounds and each side will have one or more changes from last week.

In the first match the Army should have the advantage in the back division. It will be interesting to see how Capt Roberts, who played at home for the Harlequins, fares against Thompson, the Navy fly half and Captain, who has played consistently good football out here for the last two seasons, and also how the speedy Navy wings fare against Moore and De Rome, both of whom need a lot of watching once they get hold of the ball.

Packs Even

The packs should be evenly matched with possibly the Navy having a slight advantage. They played very well last week and did well to hold the heavier Club pack.

The Club team to play, the R.A.F. & Police in the second game shows three changes from last week. Forsgate, who is injured, will be surely missed in the forwards; his place being taken by Brown. However, according to the form book, a usually incorrect guide, they should be able to maintain their unbeaten

Johnny Ralph To Meet Woodcock

Johnannesburg, Dec. 18. Johnny Ralph, South African heavyweight champion, today accepted an offer by London promoter, Jack Solomons, to match him with Bruce Woodcock for the Empire heavyweight title in England next year.

Ralph will fly to England in March or April for the bout.

Ralph's manager, Ben McLoughlin, declared: "Ralph is the finest prospect South Africa has ever produced. I think that at 24 years he will go a long way as he has everything that goes to make a champion."—Reuter.

Keen Boxing Likely At Golden Gloves Display

Some good sport should be witnessed at the Victoria Recreation Club this evening when a boxing tournament, sponsored by the Golden Gloves, of Kowloon will be held starting at 8.30 p.m.

There are nine events on the programme and, with the exception of two, all will be of three round duration.

The main event, which will be over six rounds, is between C.P.O. Perks, holder of several titles in England, and Marine Kettlewell.

The next best fight should be between "Kid" Pedruco of Macao and Bob Pulling of the Navy. This event will be over four rounds.

Great interest has been taken in the fights and bookings, which started yesterday at the V.R.C., have been most satisfactory.

Prices of admission are ring-side \$12; and others \$8 and \$4. The following is the programme:—

Lightweight:—Antonio Silva (Hongkong) v. Fus. Dair (Inns. killing).
Feather weight:—Sto. Donnelly (H.M.S. London) v. Fus. Bond (Inns. killing).
Light heavy weight:—L/Cpl. Double (Buffs) v. L/S Whitfield (H.M.S. Constance).
Light weight:—Kid Pedruco (Macao) v. L/Wtr. "Bob" Pulling (H.M.S. Tamar).
Middleweight:—Lanky Santos (Hongkong) v. Sgt. Barr (Inns. killing).
Light weight:—L/S. Buck (H.M.S. Black Swan) v. Drum Major Kearns (Inns. killing).
Light weight:—A. Mailla (Hongkong) v. P. O. Scullin (H.M.S. London).
Light weight:—A. B. McLoughlin (H.M.S. London) v. L/Cpl. Coomber (H.M.S. Tamar).
Middle weight:—C. P. O. Perks (H.M.S. Tamar) v. Marina Kettlewell (H.M.S. London).

Officials

Judges:—Lt. R. P. Underwood, S/Leader Haines, Capt. Cunningham, Lt. Moore, and Mr. R. Bow. Referee:—Mr. Clarke. Time-keeper:—P. O. White. M.C.:—P. O. Martin and C. P. O. Mitchell.

RECREIO AND CANADIANS TO CROSS BATS South China Will Take On V.R.C.

(By "Grandstand")
Once again we come up against the old problem of defence versus offence as the percentage playing Recreio outfit cross bats with the distance-clouting Canadians at 11.15 a.m. at the C.B.A. Ground tomorrow, in the needle tilt of the senior loop four-game schedule, while South China take on V.R.C. at Caroline Hill in the first double-header of the season.

Eddie Marques' Merry Madcaps take on the cellar-doomed Rovers at 11.15 a.m. on the Recreio Football Ground in what should prove to be another battling practice at the expense of the Rollicking Rovers who are still after that elusive victory.

In the afternoon, the Bees take on the Canuckettes in the lone tilt of the ladies league, while a full programme of five games is scheduled for the Junior circuit.

Maple Leafers chief Big Bill Woo and his merry band got out of their batting slump last week and celebrated the occasion by tramping all over Tony Lopes' V.R.C. acquaintances with a 22-hit attack which netted them an all-time high of 32 runs for a seven inning game. Hitting as they did last week, the Canucks can face Recreio ace hurler Leo Tavares with full confidence, but an examination of the records will show that Tony Goncalves' Ramblers have committed the least bingles, and that's where they will cut down those potential runs.

Fire-Ball

It is not known whether Canadian fire-ball, flinger Herbie Quon has sufficiently recovered from his hand injury to toe the rubber for the Canucks, but steady hurler Kassa Nazarin will always be on hand just in case. Player casualties are still dogging the steps of the Maple Leafers as last week second baseman Don Robbins was the next to succumb to a finger injury as Big Bill rifled a hot one from the windy-alley over the midway sack to start what proved to be unsuccessful double-play.

With the exception of the key-stone position, the Maple Leaf line-up will be the successful infield of Home-Run Baker at first base, mentor Bill Wo at short and George White at the far turn. Luke Bunn, Junior-Markar and Geegee Lee will probably be the pasture patrol.

Although Tony Goncalves' Ramblers need not chalk up as many runs as was expected when they beat the Filipinos last week, you can take it from me that they are really hot stuff when the bug chips are down, and to-morrow's tussle will show whether they are of championship calibre or not.

Leo Tavares, who manages the Blue Bees in his spare time, will start for the Goncalvesmen with Dick Alves behind the platter. At first base will be none other than Wilfred "Alibi" Lawrence, who needs no excuse for his 400 swatting mark registered up to date—that's good hitting in any league. The key-stone combination will be Tony "Pewee" Alves and Billy Soares who has switched over from the hot corner with former windy alley guardian Lou Viera. Ball-hawks Gorry Goanno, Gus Pereira and Charlie Quinn who are down for garden duties had better be prepared for plenty of work out in the open spaces as the bat-happy Maple Leafers connect the livelier ball now in play.

Cellarmates

The Bees and the Canadians rom the beginning will part company this week as they complete their first round schedule in a tussle which has all the features of a championship struggle, except that the losers will be awarded the wooden spoon. The Canuckettes are still without a catcher and if coach Bill Woo is able to plug up this gap, the heavier hitting Maple Leafers have the edge in this tilt. Uile Khoo, whose usual staidway ground is around the mid-way cushion did quite well when she relieved Mary Ng, behind the plate last week, but the whole question hinges on whether she can be spared from that important infield position.

The Bees gave a good account of themselves against the Aces

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Three Fled, One Stayed —For Good

Marselles, Dec. 18. Three prisoners broke their cell bars and escaped today from Baumettes Prison near Marselles.

A fourth, awaiting execution, hanged himself in an adjoining cell after an earlier unsuccessful attempt to escape.

Two of the escaped prisoners were Paul Dellapina and Theo Aristoteles, held for questioning in connection with the shooting of Frederick Chetani, a Mar-trader at Marselles on Nov. 28.—Reuter.

Special Trains For Services

London, Dec. 18. Between now and Christmas 53,000 service personnel going on leave will be carried by the Great Western Railway in 15 furlough specials and by ordinary trains.

The heaviest day will be next Tuesday when 15 furlough trains arrive at Paddington.

RAF men in Germany are to get two bottles of brandy and one bottle of rum for every hundred men at Christmas.

There will also be an extra four pounds of coffee for every hundred men—if available.

Messes and families can buy a turkey at 3/10d per pound.—Reuter.

GIB. PROTEST

Gibraltar, Dec. 18. Five thousand people demonstrated in the main street of Gibraltar today as a protest "against the deplorable action" of the Imperial Government in cancelling the promised transfer of Gibraltar evacuees from Northern Ireland to London.—Reuter.